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## It's a Croatian double

### Victoria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	22	12	6	4	43	18	30
FRANKSTON CITY	22	12	8	4	43	27	30
MAKEDONIA	22	12	5	5	40	19	29
CROYDON CITY	22	10	6	6	32	27	26
Juventus	22	10	4	8	38	36	24
Altona City	22	7	7	8	27	28	21
George Cross	22	7	7	8	29	41	21
Hakushi	22	6	8	8	23	28	20
Green Gully	22	5	8	11	20	34	16
Slavia	22	5	4	13	18	29	14
Albion Rovers	22	4	6	12	26	41	14

The Croatian community has scored another memorable double by winning both the NSW and Victorian State League championships.

Sydney Croatia and Essendon Croatia were champions last year as well.

Both clubs hope also to win their State's Rothmans Medal.

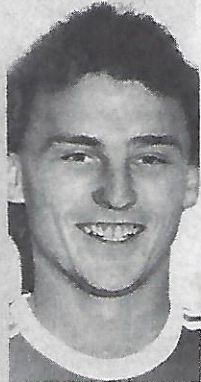
Tommy Cumming, winner in 1978, is the leading candidate in Victoria while player-coach Attila Abony, and Maurice Sullivan are among the candidates in NSW.

Sydney Croatia now had its sights set on winning the NSW grand final while Essendon Croatia meets Makedonia in the Dockerty Cup semi-finals at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

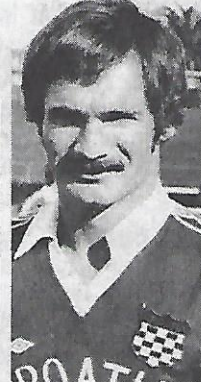
If it wins, Essendon will advance to the final on Sunday. It hopes also to win the State League Cup top four competition.

### NSW

	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	16	9	1	54	23	41
INTER-MONAR	13	8	5	55	38	34
SUTHERLAND	12	7	7	44	23	31
BLACKTOWN	13	5	8	45	38	31
Melita Eagles	11	8	7	41	34	30
Avila	13	3	10	40	38	29
Adum	11	4	11	41	42	28
Mville Olympic	8	8	10	33	35	24
Paranatta	11	14	7	44	23	
Karingal	6	10	10	29	38	22
Bankstown	9	4	13	32	42	22
Manly	6	7	13	23	34	19
Amalfi Scots	6	5	18	29	45	17
Yugil	5	16	22	43	15	



Tommy Cumming  
(Essendon Croatia)



Maurice Sullivan  
(Sydney Croatia)

# Ivo Prskalo our player of year

Ivo Prskalo, captain of Philips League champion Marconi and sweeper of the national team, has won the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.

His prize is a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

Prskalo was injured during Marconi's match against Heidelberg last Sunday but did enough during the 40 minutes he was on the field to earn a 9 rating.

This gave him an average of 8.04 for the season. Runner-up is West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn

Crook, with an average of 7.96, followed by 1977 winner Jimmy Rooney of Heidelberg with 7.72.

Prskalo received the following ratings: one 10, five 9s, thirteen 8s and six 7s.

He is the only player in the league who was not rated below 7 in any match.

It is the fourth year of the Yugoslav Airlines award.

In the first year, 1976, it was split between NSW and Victoria, with Bruce Stowell of Pan Hellenic winning it in NSW and Steve Kokoska, then of Sunshine City, taking the Victorian prize.

Philips League winners have been Jimmy Rooney, then of Marconi, in 1977, and Ken Boden of Newcastle KB United last year.

Prskalo, who says he is 31, joined Marconi in early 1977 after having played 390 games for Velez Mostar in Yugoslavia.

He also played 11 games for Yugoslavia B against West Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Greece, and Spain among others.

He played for Australia against Partizan Belgrade (0-1) this year and since then, he has been training regularly under coach Leo Baumgartner who has charge of the Sydney members of the national squad.

### MOMENT OF AGONY

JAT award winner Ivo Prskalo gets treatment for the injury that forced him out of the match against Heidelberg last Sunday.



## Jankovics: 18 goals, Crook top goalkeeper

• Mark Jankovics

Mark Jankovics of Marconi and Martyn Crook of West Adelaide have won major prizes through "Soccer Action" — one for scoring goals, the other for stopping them.

Jankovics wins \$750 cash from Tooth Victoria (formerly the Courage award) for setting a record total of 18 as the Philips League top scorer for 1979.

The previous highest tally was 16, scored by Dixie Deans of Adelaide City in 1977, the first year of the league.

Jankovics, who transferred from

St George to Marconi early last year, scored five more goals than his team-mate Eddie Krncevic who finished runner-up in the race for the \$750.

The Jankovics-Krncevic-Peter Sharpe forward line scored a total of 41 goals, which is more than the team totals of Brisbane City, West Adelaide, APIA, Brisbane Lions, Footscray, J.U.S.T., St. George, Canberra, Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne.

Martyn Crook, runner-up to Ivo Prskalo in the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award, has won the Konstantine Jewel Box award for the 1979 Australian Goalkeeper of the Year.

Crook's prize is a valuable digital watch from Konstantine Jewel Box of 183 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Crook was named six times in the "Soccer Action" Team of the Week.

Others who made the team are:

3 Selections: Greg Woodhouse (APIA), Steve Potter (Footscray), Kim Wishart (Brisbane City).

2 selections: Nigel Lownds (Brisbane Lions), Dennis Boland (Footscray and South Melbourne), Todd Clarke (Sydney City), Yakka Bannovic (H'berg).

1 selection: Martin Coe (St. George), Peter Marshall (Adelaide City), Peter Laumets (South Melbourne), Jim Preston (Newcastle).

• Martyn Crook

The top 10 players in the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year ratings are:

- 8.04 Prskalo (Marc).
- 7.96 Crook (WA).
- 7.72 Rooney (H'berg).
- 7.69 Clarke (SC).
- 7.63 Perry (BC).
- 7.60 Lujic (Footsc).
- 7.58 J. Campbell (H'berg, Potter (BC).
- 7.57 Harmiston (BL).
- Ratcliffe (BC).

"I am proud to have won this fine prize and I thank Yugoslav Airlines for it," Prskalo said this week.

"It's been a hard year for us. When you're on top for so long everyone is trying to beat you. There is a lot of pressure.

"I have been very happy with my own form. It's been my best season since coming from Yugoslavia."

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said: "The prize could not have gone to a more deserving bloke. Ivo took a great deal of responsibility after being appointed captain and he did not play a bad game all season."

"He is by far the best sweeper in Australia." — LAURIE SCHWAB

### Beckenbauer to rescue

HONG KONG, Franz Beckenbauer scored from the penalty spot with six minutes to play to earn the New York Cosmos a 3-3 tie with the Selko team of Hong Kong in an exhibition match here last week.

Giorgio Chinaglia gave the Cosmos a 1-0 lead when he scored after 12 minutes of play, but Ian McWilliams squared it for the home side two minutes later. Vladislav Bogoslov put the visitors ahead, 2-1, with a goal in the 38th minute.

Selko took the lead, 3-2, in the second half with goals by Hugh McCrory on a free kick and captain Wu Kwok-Hung.

With time running out, Chinaglia was fouled and Beckenbauer scored the penalty from 12 yards out.

The game was the first of 13 the Cosmos will play on a tour of the Far East and Australia.

Robert Cullen of Preston Makedonia is the "Soccer Action" — General Tourist Travel Service Victorian State League player of the year.

Cullen earned three votes in the last round against Juventus to climb ahead of Bobby McGuinness.

The Preston forward polled 27 votes to edge out McGuinness of Juventus who led 26.

Cullen's prize is a trip for two to New Zealand, courtesy of General Tourist Travel Service of 365 Victoria St., Abbotsford.

Cullen transferred to Preston Makedonia for \$7,000 from George Cross early this season and formed a deadly partnership with fellow forwards George McMillan and Gary Ward.

Between them, they scored 34 of Preston Makedonia's 40 league goals.

Ward, with 15 goals, is the top goalscorer in the Victorian State League. He wins \$500 from Tooth's Breweries for being the best marksman.

Previous winners of the "Soccer Action" Victorian State League player of the year are: 1976 Steve Kokoska (Sunshine City), 1977 Mike Rainey (Hakoah St. Kilda), 1978 John Yzen-dorn (Prahran Slavia).

Previous top goalscorers are: 1976 Graham French (Mooroolbark), 1977 Ken Reed (George Cross), 1978 Jamie Paton (Slavia). KYLE PATTERSON.



Gary Ward



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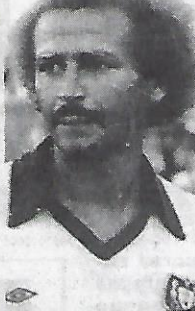
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# PHILIPS CUP GRIPS TOWN

By RALE RASIC  
Adelaide City coach



Agenor Muniz pic-  
tured in Socceroo  
colors.

## Adel. City

Most appearances for Adel-  
aide City in Cup games:  
10. Perin, J. Nyskohus.  
9. Northcote, Marshall, B.  
Nyskohus.  
7. Besir, Muniz.  
6. Lister, Marwe, Deans.  
Adelaide City's scorers in  
Cup games:  
7. J. Nyskohus.  
3. Marwe.  
2. Northcote, B. Nyskohus,  
Muniz.

1. Matic, Marocchi, Fyfe,  
Kosmina, Deans, Muir.  
Adelaide City players with  
leading averages in Cup  
games:  
7.4 Muniz.  
7.3 J. Nyskohus  
7.25 Northcote, Dodds.  
7.2 B. Nyskohus, Marshall.  
Adelaide City players with  
leading averages in games  
against St. George:  
8.0 Perin  
7.4 J. Nyskohus  
7.0 Marshall, B. Nyskohus.  
Adelaide City's goalscorers in  
games against St. George:  
4. Northcote  
1. J. Nyskohus, Marocchi,  
Kent.

Adelaide City's advantage  
over St. George, expressed in  
figures:  
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6 3 2 1 8 4

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Cup fever has gripped Adel-  
aide. It has affected fans and  
players alike.

At Olympic Sports Field, the players' tunnel has  
been painted black and white for the occasion —  
the colors of Adelaide City. The Philips Cup itself is  
displayed in the clubrooms.

The cheer squad is limbering up, the women are  
preparing diligently for their own Cup final which  
will be the curtain-raiser.

Nowhere in the world can you predict with absolute  
certainty which team will win the Cup final. The  
element of doubt makes a Cup final something  
very special in soccer. It is a spectacle completely  
different to even the most important league match.  
Naturally I hope that Adelaide City will take out  
the Cup but I make no rash predictions. Our oppo-  
nent, St. George, is a classy team with the shrew-  
dest of coaches, Raul Blanco.

Details of all Philips Cup  
matches played at Adel-  
aide City and St. George:

### ADELAIDE CITY

1977

WEST ADELAIDE 2 (McGregor,  
Kosmina) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Boyle  
own goal, Northcote) at Hindmarsh  
Stadium, crowd 1000. Ratings by  
Meno Toutsidis. West Adelaide  
won 5-4 on penalties after extra  
time.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 6,  
Fraser 8, Matic 7, Lister 7, Yung 7,  
Muniz 8, Perin 8, Marocchi 7, Lane 7,  
J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote 8.  
Coach: Edmund Kraft.

1978

ADELAIDE CITY 5 (J. Nyskohus,  
B. Nyskohus, Fyfe, Kosmina, Ma-  
rocchi) NOARLUNGA 0 at Hin-  
dmarsh Stadium.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 6, B.  
Nyskohus 8, Besir 6 (sub Northcote),  
Lester 6, Yung 6, Perin 7, Fyfe 6,  
Kosmina 7, J. Nyskohus 7. Coach:  
Les Scheinflug.

1979

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Marwe)  
WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Hindmarsh,  
crowd 6856.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, B.  
Nyskohus 8, Lister 8, Besir 8,  
Yung 7, Perin 7, Muniz 8, Marocchi 6,  
Marwe 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Deans 7,  
Northcote 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

1979

ESSENDON CROATIA 0 ADEL-  
AIDE CITY 1 (J. Nyskohus 83rd  
min) at Olympic Park, crowd about  
5000. Ratings by Kyle Patterson.

ESSENDON CROATIA: Banovic 8,  
Smart 7, Gardiner 8, Kolooska 8,  
Bilaver 8, Kerr 8, Murphy 8,  
Andrews 6, Cumming 6 (inj. sub De-  
vidson 7, half time), Kmcovic 6,  
Vojtek 6. Coach: Bill McArthur.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, B.  
Nyskohus 8, Lister 7, Besir 8, Matic 8,  
Perin 8, Marocchi 8, Northcote 8,  
Deans 7 (inj. sub Marwe 7, 83rd),  
J. Nyskohus 8. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

1979

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Muniz 2,  
Marwe) CANBERRA CITY 1 (Stod-  
dard) at Olympic Sports Field,  
crowd 2851. Ratings by Meno  
Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, B.  
Nyskohus 7, Besir 7, Lister 7, Matic 8,  
Perin 8, Marwe 8, Northcote 7.  
Coach: Les Scheinflug.

CANBERRA CITY: Tildad 7, Kai-  
waleva 6, Henderson 7, Stark 7,  
Salgado 7, Davies 7, Cant 7, Stod-  
dard 7, Knewood 6 (Brown 6, 41st),  
Grulic 7. Coach: Johnny Warren.

1979

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Kelao, Pim-  
blett) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Matic) at  
Perry crowd 4900. Ratings by  
Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE CITY: Wihart 7,  
Rathwell 7, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 8, Le-  
welle 7, Pimblett 8, Kibbey 7, Coyne  
6, Caldwell 6 (Brusasee 6, 60th),  
Kelao 7, Gaffney 9. Joint coaches:  
Rathwell, Perry and David Neale.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, B.  
Nyskohus 7, Besir 6 (Deans 80th),  
Lester 7, Matic 7, Perin 6, Muniz 5,  
Matic 7, Marocchi 7, Marwe 6, J.  
Nyskohus 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

1979

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (J. Nyskohus  
88th) WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Olym-  
pic Sports Field, crowd 8123.  
Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8,  
Dodds 6, Besir 7, Muir 7, B. Nys-  
kohus 7, Perin 8, Muniz 6, North-  
cote 6, J. Nyskohus 7, Deans 8,  
Kent 7. Coach: Rale Rasic.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Bon-  
zanic 7, Kambea 7, Jones 8, Rey-  
nolds 7, McGachey (inj. sub Tym-  
czyszyn 7), Boyle 7, Honeyman 8,  
Kosmina 7, Pillars 7, McGee 7.  
Coach: Tom Fordie.

1979

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (J. Nyskohus  
2, Muir) MACKEDONIA 2 (McMil-  
lan, Cullen) at Olympic  
Sports Field, crowd 4500. Ratings  
by Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7,  
Dodds 6, Besir 8 (Russell) Muir 7,  
B. Nyskohus 8, Perin 7, Muniz 7.

Villani 8, J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote  
7, Kent 6 (Deans 7). Coach: Rale  
Rasic.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 7, Rainey  
7, Gerhewala 8, Higham 7, Beach  
7, Labirel 7 (Brewerton), Petrovski  
7, Faulkner 7, Cullen 7 (Fivelle),  
McMillan 8, Ward 6. Coach: Tony  
Vrta.

Quarter-final  
ADELAIDE CITY: 5 (J. Nyskohus  
2, Deans, Marwe, B. Nyskohus)  
AZZURRI 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium,  
crowd 3000. Ratings by Meno  
Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7,  
Russell 8, Perin 7 (Isaello), B. Nys-  
kohus 7 (Signora), Dodds 8, Muniz  
7, Marwe 7, Villani 7, J. Nyskohus  
8, Deans 8, Kent 7. Coach: Rale  
Rasic.

AZZURRI: Boehke 5, Michelson 6,  
Moschis 6, Alder 6, Marusic 6, Corti  
6, White 6, Levan 6, Innance 6,  
Manolev 6, Smythe 6.

Semi-final  
ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Northcote  
4th) CANBERRA CITY 0 at Olympic  
Sports Field, crowd 3100, ratings  
by Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7,  
Russell 7, Perin 7, B. Nyskohus 7,  
Dodds 7, Muniz 7, Northcote 8, Vi-  
lani 7, J. Nyskohus 8, Marwe 8  
(Malt), Kent 7. Coach: Rale Rasic.

CANBERRA CITY: Hozzowahl 7,  
Moult 7, Brown 7, Salgado 6 (Bal-  
lev), Milovanovic 6, Davies 6, Cant  
7, Knewood 7, Farrell 7, McLaren 6,  
Byrne 6. Coach: Vic Fernandez.

1979

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Alston,  
Bourke) ST. GEORGE 1 (Janovic)  
at Manuka Oval, ratings by Paul  
Mills.

CANBERRA: Tildad 8, Moult 8,  
Henderson 7, Black 6, Hogg 6, Gru-  
lic 7, Knewood 6 (Brown 6, 41st),  
Cant 6, Bourke 7, Alston 9, Fernan-  
dez 7. Coach: Johnny Warren.

ST. GEORGE: Cos 7, R. O'Shea  
7, Ujasevovic 8, Grosse 7, Williams

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nor 7, Ujasevovic 8, Grosse 7, Williams

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The Saints have some outstanding individuals in  
forward Phil O'Connor, goalkeeper Michael Fraser,  
full back George Harris, midfielder Rudi Gnavi and  
especially sweeper Doug Ujasevovic who is play-  
ing his best football for many years.

Dixie Deans has recovered fully from injury and  
was to have been in the team for Sunday but was  
cautioned last weekend and must serve a suspen-  
sion.

In Bobby Russell we have, in my opinion, the  
best defender in Australia at the moment. His  
fellow defenders Bugsy Nyskohus and Glen Dodds  
have also been playing outstanding football and  
captain John Perin is always an inspiration.

Big Jim Muir returns to the squad after a long  
absence due to injury. He has been back in full  
training for the past two weeks.

John Besir, who also has recovered from injury,  
comes into calculations as well so for the first time  
in months, we have a full squad from which to  
choose.

The choice will be difficult. No-one will want to  
miss this big match.



Rale Rasic makes a  
point. (From 'Soccer  
Life')

## Second final for SA men, Saints having best run

ST. GEORGE 2 (J. O'Shea, Hen-  
sman) APIA 1 (Jack). Ratings by  
John Taylor.

ST. GEORGE: Cos 8 (Patterson 5,  
half time), Harris 8, Grosse 8,  
Morgan 8, Rendell 7, Jones 8, J.O'  
Shea 7, Mender 8, O'Connor 7,  
Acosta 5 (Watson 53rd, Hensman  
80th), Jiras 8.  
Coach: Ilya Takac.

APIA: McGuire 7, Porter 8,  
McGinn 8, McMillan 7, Jackson 6  
(Miller 83rd), Lindsay 7, Griffith 6  
(Jack 53rd), Doyle 6, Caruthers 6,  
Ruiz 7, Butler 6.

Second round  
WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Eaton)  
ST. GEORGE 0 at Wentworth Park/  
ratings by John Taylor.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Wood-  
house 9, Secklen 8, Wilson 9,  
Rowden 6, Turnbull 7, Harding 6,  
Stone 7, O'Donnell 6, Vernon 6  
(Scott 62nd), Eaton 7, Fisher 6 (Se-  
muels 8). Coach: Mike Laing.

ST. GEORGE: Cos 8, Harris 7,  
Grosse 7, Ujasevovic 8, Terry 8,  
Coates 7, J.O'Shea 6 (Jones 62nd),  
R. O'Shea 6, Hensman 8, Morgan 8,  
O'Connor 8. Coach: Joe Vasilas.

1979  
ST. GEORGE 6 (Morgan 2, Katho-  
los 2, J. O'Shea, O'Connor) IP-  
SWICH 2 (R. Wilson, Kathelos) ST.  
George Stadium, crowd 1982,  
ratings by Alex Vasilas.

ST. GEORGE: Cos 7, Holmick 8,  
Ujasevovic 8, Grosse 6, R. O'Shea  
6, Gnavi 5 (Barton J. O'Shea 7,  
Katholos 7, Matic 8, Morgan 7, O'  
Connor 6. Coach: Joe Gale.

IPSWICH: Donnelly 5, L.  
Wilson 6, P. Nelson 6, Warren 6, J.  
Dien 6, S. Dann 6 (J. Dann 60th),  
R. McDonald 7 (G. McDonald 62nd),  
R. Wilson 7, Kathelos 7, McDowall  
6, Penman 6.

Second round  
ST. GEORGE 3 (J. O'Shea O'Con-  
nor 7, Ujasevovic 8, Grosse 7, Williams

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nor pen., Hensman) APIA 2 (Reed,  
Rampant) at George Stadium,  
crowd 2783. Ratings by Alex  
Vasilas.

ST. GEORGE: Cos 7, Harris 7,  
Ujasevovic 8, Della Pica 7, R.  
O'Shea 8, Gnavi 8, Katholos 8, J.  
O'Shea 9, Cotton 8, Morgan 8  
(Hensman 9, half time), O'Connor  
9. Coach: Raul Blanco.

APIA: Woodhouse 6, McGinn 6,  
Wilson 7, Dempsey 6 (Pullen 60th),  
Turnbull 7, Caruthers 7, Rampant  
7, Butler 6, Stone 7, Reed 6 (Se-  
muels 70th), O'Donnell 7. Coach:  
Ray Richards.

Quarter-finals  
BRISBANE CITY 1 (Ratcliffe  
17th) ST. GEORGE 1 (Hensman  
11th) at Perry Park, crowd 2500.  
ST. GEORGE won on penalties 4-1.  
ST. GEORGE: Cos 7, Harris 7,  
Ujasevovic 8, Della Pica 8, R.  
O'Shea 8, Gnavi 7, Katholos 7 (Kay  
74th), J. O'Shea 7, Cotton 6, Hen-  
sman 8, O'Connor 9 (Morgan 75th).  
Coach: Raul Blanco.

Semi-finals  
NEWCASTLE KOB LTD ST  
GEORGE 0 at International Sports  
Centre, crowd 15,177. Ratings by  
Joe Lanzoni. ST. George won on  
penalties 3-0 (O'Connor, Cotton,  
Ujasevovic) to 2 (Drinkwater, Ben-  
kelaki).

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 7  
(Coburn 11th), Summerville 7,  
Denkowitz 7, Curran 8, Senkalek  
8, Bertogno 7, Tradinick 8, Kays 7,  
Boden 8, McClelland 7 (Sneddon  
105th) Coach: Alan Vast.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 8, Harris 7  
(Kay 11th), Ujasevovic 9, Della  
Pica 8, R. O'Shea 7, Katholos 8, J.  
O'Shea 7, Mihajlovic 7 (Fenougy  
111st), O'Connor 8, Hensman 7,  
Cotton 8. Coach: Raul Blanco.

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nor 7, Ujasevovic 8



# Philips Cup final, Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm.

## ADELAIDE CITY

**Peter MARSHALL**  
**Bobby RUSSELL** **Bugay NYSKOHUS** **John PERIN** **Glenn DODDS**  
**Charlie VILLANI** **Agenor MUNIZ** **Gary MAROCCHI**  
**John NYSKOHUS** **Brian NORTHCOTE** **Chris KENT**

## ST. GEORGE

**Michael FRASER**  
**George HARRIS** **Doug UTJESENOVIC** **Brendan GROSSE** **Robert O'SHEA**  
**Peter KATHOLOS** **Rudi GNAVI** **John O'SHEA**  
**Phil O'CONNOR** **Peter HENSMEN** **Roy COTTON**

# Entertainment is as important as the Cup result

By RAUL BLANCO  
 St George coach

Entertainment is the key to the future of Australian soccer. If every Philips League game gave the public 90 minutes of top football, soccer would be a lot better off in this country.

For this reason, I hope the Philips Cup final is a great encounter, full of beautiful football that will entertain the large crowd expected to attend the match.

If the game does produce some really entertaining soccer, I will be happy, regardless of whether St. George is the winner or the loser.

I know soccer is all about winning. In soccer, fans are often pleased to see their team play badly and win, rather than play attractive football and only draw or lose.

However, the beauty of football is just as important to me. St. George has been under considerable pressure because of the threat of relegation, but still the players have tried to play attractive football.

My theory is: if a team can play beautiful, attacking soccer, it will never be very far away from winning.

I will instruct my players to adopt a positive approach in the final; to attack and to win the game by playing the better soccer.

I'm confident Adelaide City will accept the challenge, and make this final a classic.

Rale Rasic is a close friend of mine, and in fact I was his assistant at Pan Hellenic in Sydney for two years.

I know Rale well, and his views on soccer. Let me say this, that Rale is not a defensive coach, which is what many people have labelled him.

Rasic instills super-discipline into his team, and any opponent of a Rale Rasic team knows it will not get a smooth ride.

Rale is not a negative thinker. His teams attack when they can attack, and defend when they have to defend. I have great respect for his coaching ability.

St. George managed to draw 1-1 with Adelaide City in Adelaide not so long ago. Phil O'Connor scored our goal, and Chris Kent grabbed City's late equaliser.

The match showed me that Adelaide City has a well-balanced team which is full of excellent players.



Raul Blanco urges his players on.

But how can I single anyone out? Muniz, Perin, Northcote, Villani, Deans, the Nyskohus brothers and Kent are all top players. It would be an injustice to elevate one above another.

Playing in Adelaide will give the home side an advantage. The crowd will obviously be pro-Adelaide City.

But I'm not too concerned about playing on strange soil. In our last two cup games, St. George defeated Brisbane City and Newcastle Utd on their own grounds.

Beating Brisbane City at Perry Park was a great triumph. The team won the first two Philips Cups and won 10 successive cup games on that ground.

St. George can produce good football away from home, and we will have no special tactics because we are the 'away' team.

In fact, the cup final could well be a relaxing tonic for my players after our battle against relegation. Since I joined the club, every game has been a mammoth struggle as we tried to move away from the relegation zone.

The cup game against Newcastle broke the pressure momentarily. I noticed the players were far more relaxed and composed in this game than in league fixtures.

St. George had a poor start to the season, but the players fought back courageously.

We had Rudi Gnavi reappear as a force in the midfield. Rudi has always had the skills, and my job was to build up his confidence, and now he's playing very well.

Michael Fraser is the best goalkeeper in Australia in my opinion. He had to have an operation on his finger earlier this year, but once given a chance in the first team, has not looked back.

And then we have Doug Utjesenovic and George Harris, two fine ambassadors for the St. George club. They were part of the great St. George era, and now have responded with equal determination with the club experiencing bad times.

It would make them extremely happy to bring some glory back to St. George by winning the Philips Cup.

I would dearly love St. George to win the Philips Cup. I'm just as keen to see the fans entertained. If St. George can come out on top after a great exhibition of beautiful football, I will be a winner all-round.

## CONGRATULATIONS

## ADELAIDE CITY and ST. GEORGE

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Previous PSL matches between Adelaide City and St. George:

1977  
 ST GEORGE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (J. Nyskohus, Northcote) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 1338. Referee: Tom Anderson.

ST GEORGE: McGuire 7, Harris 7, Cotton 6, R. O'Shea 6, Williams 6, Gnani 7, Grosse 5, J. O'Shea 5, Jankovics 5 (Hansen 5, 46th min), Morgan 5, O'Connor 6 (Altken 77th). Coach: Manfred Kraft.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 8, Fraser 7, Yung 7, Matic 7 (Basir), Lister 7, Marocchi 8, Perin 8, Melta 7, Leone 7, J. Nyskohus 8, Northcote 8. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Northcote) ST. GEORGE 1 (O'Connor) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 6200. Referee: Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 6, Melta 6, Yung 7, Matic 8, Lister 6, Muniz 7, Marocchi 6, J. Nyskohus 6, Deans 7, Northcote 7. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

ST GEORGE: Cos 7, Harris 7, R. O'Shea 6, J. O'Shea 6, Williams 7, Grosse 6, Gnani 7, Altken 8,

Morgan 6, Jankovics 7, O'Connor 7, Coach: Ilya Yakac.

1978  
 ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Grosse own goal) ST GEORGE 0 at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 5800. Referee: Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 7 (Marshall 7), B. Nyskohus 7, Yung 6, Matic 6, Lister 6, Koleski 7, Dance 6 (Muniz), Ripby 7, Marocchi 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote 8. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

ST GEORGE: Cos 7, Utjesenovic 7, Terry 6, J. O'Shea 6, Harris 7, Grosse 7, Djuricic 6 (Hansen), Jones 7, R. O'Shea 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 8. Coach: Ilya Yakac.

ST GEORGE 2 (O'Connor, Hansen) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Northcote) at St. George Stadium, crowd 2452. Referee: John Taylor.

ST GEORGE: Clemence 5, M. O'Shea 5 (Terry 5, half time), Grosse 7, Utjesenovic 7, Harris 7, Coates 6 (Hansen 5, 52nd), Torner 6, Kay 6, J. O'Shea 7, Morgan 6, O'Connor 8. Coach: Joe Vlasits.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Yung 8 (Marve 83rd), Lister 7, Basir 7, Perin 8, Marocchi (Muniz 6, 24th), Northcote 8, Muir

J. Ureatic 6, J. Nyskohus 8, Coach: Lee Sheinflug.

1979  
 ST GEORGE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Northcote, Marocchi) at St. George Stadium, crowd 1700. Referee: Alex Vasic.

ST GEORGE: Cos 7, Harris 7, Grosse 8, Della Pica 6, Terry 7 (Morgan), J. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Katholos 6, Hansen 7 (Matic), Cotton 6, O'Connor 7. Coach: Joe Geli.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Dodds 7, Basir 8, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 7, Perin 7, Marve 7 (Marocchi 7, 45th), Northcote 7, J. Nyskohus 9, Deans 6 (Villani 82nd), Kent 7. Coach: Rale Rasic.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Kent) ST. GEORGE 1 (O'Connor) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 4200. Referee: Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Perin 8, B. Nyskohus 7, Dodds 8, Villani 8, Muniz 7, Northcote 6, J. Nyskohus 6, Deans 6, Kent 6. Coach: Rale Rasic.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 9, Harris 7, Utjesenovic 8, Grosse 7, R. O'Shea 7, Mihajlovic 6, J. O'Shea 7, Gnani 7 (Fenoughy), Cotton 7, Hansen 7, O'Connor 8. Coach: Raul Blanco.



Brendan Grosse (right) and Doug Utjesenovic look concerned in the St. George defence.



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# PSL STANDINGS

## Final ladder

						HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	BP	TP		
MARCONI	7	4	2	25	16	8	2	3	33	16	58:32	4	40		
HEIDELBERG UTD	8	4	1	21	12	6	3	4	23	18	44:30	1	38		
SYDNEY CITY	6	1	6	24	21	9	2	2	23	8	47:29	1	34		
BRISBANE CITY	8	2	3	22	11	6	3	4	16	19	38:30	1	34		
Adelaide City	6	3	4	18	14	7	3	3	26	13	43:27	1	33		
Newcastle KB	7	4	2	24	12	4	5	4	19	18	43:30	1	32		
West Adelaide	6	2	5	17	11	4	2	7	11	20	28:31	1	25		
APIA-Leichhardt	6	2	5	16	16	5	1	7	13	21	29:37	0	25		
Brisbane Lions	5	1	7	18	24	3	5	5	10	16	28:40	0	22		
Footscray JUST	5	1	7	17	20	3	2	8	12	23	29:43	1	20		
St George BSC	3	4	6	13	21	4	2	7	14	22	27:43	0	20		
Canberra City	2	4	7	12	24	4	4	5	13	17	25:41	0	20		
Sydney Olympic	2	3	8	8	15	5	2	6	15	15	23:30	0	19		
South Melbourne	4	2	7	20	15	2	1	10	10	25	30:40	1	16		

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

**BANOVIC (2)**  
(H'berg)

**McMILLAN (2)**  
(H'berg)

**BANNON (3)**  
(H'berg)

**PRSKALO (6)**  
(Marconi)

**TANSEY (1)**  
(H'berg)

**RAMPANTI (2)**  
(APIA)

**ROONEY (5)**  
(H'berg)

**R. CAMPBELL (2)**  
(Brisb. C)

**BODEN (6)**  
(Newc.)

**TRENTER (1)**  
(Sydney C)

**BULJEVIC (4)**  
(H'berg)

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OLYMPIC 0 ST. GEORGE 1. Ratings by Eddie Katic.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 7, R. O'Shea 8, Ujesenovic 8, Harris 8, Della Picca 8, Kathdas 7, O'Shea 8, Gnani 6 (Henanman 7) O'Connor 7, Connors 7 (Minajlovic 7) Fenoughty 7.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7, McIntosh 7, Bell 8, Laing 7, K. Wilson 7, Raskopolous 6, (Rowden 80m) Jamieson 7, Koussas 6 (Eaton) Scott 7, Jennings 6, Cross 7.

APIA 2 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1. Ratings by Alex Vasic.

APIA: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 7, Dempsey 8, Wilson 8, Pullen 8, O'Donnell 7, Rampant 8, Stone 8, Butler 7, Drews 6, Reed 5.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boffand 7, Pye 7, Kalefatis 7, Baxter 7, Lutton 7, Wright 6, Davidson 8, Christopoulos 6, Ristovski 7, Evans 6, Campbell 6.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 3 FOOTSCRAY 0. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Willis 7, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 8, Curran 7 — Sankalaki 7, Bertogne 7, (Mason 7 half time) Tredinnick 8 — Hays 7, (Jones 77th) Boden 9, McClelland 8.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 7 — Ristic 8, O'Reilly 7, Kondarios 6, Hazabent 6 — Rujovic 8, Jovanovic 6, Picciano 6 — Palinkas 7, Ollerton 7, Lujic 7.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 BRISBANE LIONS 0. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 9, Russell 8, B. Nyakohus 8, Perin 7, Dodds 7, Marocchi 7 (Muir), Muniz 7, Villani 7, Northcott 7, J. Nyakohus 7, Deans 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 8, Ontong 7, Hermiston 8, Bennett 8, (Lawrie) Lavelle 7, Conner 7. (Anderson) Ogden 7, Millman 6, Hughes 6, Fairbrother 6, Brennan 6.

BRISBANE CITY 2 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 8, Perry 7, Ratcliffe 8, Potter (Echeverria 8, 35th), Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 8, Gaffney 9, Coyne 9, Kelso 5, Campbell 10, Low 8.

WEST ADELAIDE — Crook 8, Honeymann 7, Jones 8, Kambas 6, Tymczyaszyn 7, Boyle 7, McCulloch 6 (Pantaras 65th), Dooley 7, Koamina 8, Norris 7, McGregor 6 (Batchelor 75th).

HEIDELBERG 3 MARCONI 2. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 — McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 7, Bannon 9, Tansey 10 — Campbell 7, Taylor 8, Rooney 10 — Cole 8, Paton 8, Buljevic 9.

MARCONI: Maher 5 — Brogan 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 9 (injured, 40th min, sub Salvage 6), Degney 6 — Byrne 9, Henderson 8, Lindsay 8 — Jankovics 8, Krcovic 7, Sharpe 7.

CANBERRA 1 SYDNEY CITY 3. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA CITY: Hozowski 8, Mouls 8, Hogg 7, Williams 7, Brown 6, Cant 6, Byrne 7, Phil Reis 7, Farrell 7, (Alan Reis 85th); MacLaren 7 (Davies 75th) Kawaleva 7.

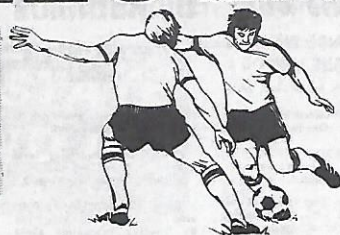
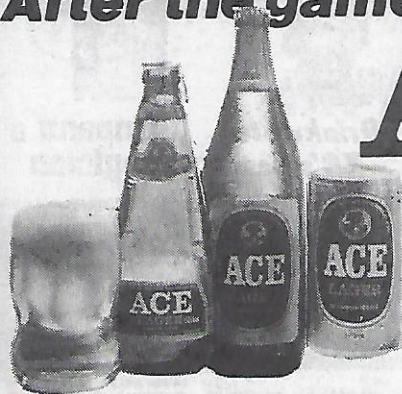
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, O'Connor 7, Stevenson 6 (Thomson 73rd), Watson 7, Barnes 8, Silva 7, Bruce 7, Trentor 9, Souness 7, Kershaw 7.

• Leading averages will appear next week.



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## TOOTH'S TOP SCORER AWARD

Mark Jankovics wins the \$750 award as top scorer of the Phillips League.

Final list:  
18. Jankovics (Marc).  
13. Krncevic (Marc).  
12. Boden (Newc).

11. Low (BC), Paton (H'berg).  
10. Cole (H'berg), Sharpe (Marc), Brennan (BL), Smith (SC).

9. T. Byrne (Can.)  
8. Deane (AC).

7. Picciano, Palinkas (Foota), Evans (SM), Norris, Kosmina (WA), Barnes (BC), P. O'Connor, Cotton (St. G), Drinkwater (Newc), Reed (APIA), Kent, J. Nyskohus (AC), Eaton (SO).

6. Curran, Heys (Newc), Villani (AC), Buljovic (H'berg), Trenter, Watson (SC), Kelso, R. Campbell (BC), Ristovski (SM).

5. Stevenson (SC), G. Byrne (Marc), Taylor (H'berg), Northcote (AC).

4. Ollerton (Foota), Lutton (SM), Silva, Souness (SC), Hughes, Fairbrother (BL), Caldwell (BC), Butler (APIA).

3. Kondarinos (Foota), Baxter, Christopoulos (SM), Pillans (WS), J. O'Shea (St. G), Mariani, Henderson (Marc), Summerscales (Newc), Spearritt (BL),

**\$750 cash from Tooth Victoria for the top scorer in the Phillips League (goals in finals and Cup games will count in case of a tie).**

Coyne, Echeverria (BC), Marwe, Périn (AC), Grujic, Moulis (Can).

2. Muniz (AC), Carruthers, Drews, Roberts (APIA), Gaffney (BC), Hermiston (BL), Davies, Stark, McLaren, Farrell (Can.), Iloak, Lujic (Foota), Bozika, J. Campbell, Yzendoorn (H'berg), Cowburn, Senkalaki (Newc), Degney, Lindsay (Marc), Morgan, Katholos, Hensman (St. G), G. Campbell, Cummings, Davidson (SM), E. Campbell (BC), McIntosh, Wilson, Bell, Scott (SO), Kambea (WA).

1. Marochi, Dodds (AC), Samuels, O'Donnell, Wilson, Rampanti, Dempsey (APIA), Pimblett, Perry, Brusasco (BC), Wallace, Amos, Wilson, Millman (BL), Fielding, Salgado (Can), Rujevic (Foota), Solomida, Tansey (H'berg), Sneddon, Jones, McClelland (Newc), Viari (Marc), Medo, Gnani, Grosse (St. G), Kakantonis, Drakakoford, Kalafatis, Wright (SM), Thomson, Mullen (SC), Ainslie, Laing (SO), McCulloch, McGregor, Jones, Tymczyszyn, Batchelor (WA).



Jamie Paton turns in triumph after having scored Heidelberg's second goal against Marconi at Olympic Park. Goalkeeper Allan Maher is down and beaten. John Russell walks over to get the ball. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

## The scramble starts!

**Clubs seeking 1980 membership of the Phillips League have been asked to meet a league sub-committee in Sydney this week.**

The committee will make recommendations to the Australian Soccer Federation executive which will determine the make-up and size of the league for next season.

Sydney Olympic joined South Melbourne in the relegation zone when it lost 0-1 to St. George last Sunday. The last two clubs have the right to apply for readmission.

The clubs seeking admission to the league for 1980 are Preston Makedonia, Juventus (Vic), Blacktown (NSW), Grange Thistle (Qld), the Canberra Diplomats and a new Wollongong club.

Victorian State League club Juventus is confident of a \$400,000 income in the first year if it is granted PSL membership for 1980.

Club spokesman Rocco DiZio said this week the money would come from gate receipts, contributions of \$500 each from among Victoria's 174 Italian social clubs, at least 600 \$50 memberships and from donations.

He said leading businessmen had offered to guarantee bank loans for Juventus.

Juventus has included amalgamation with Provisional League club Thomas-town in its application for PSL membership. The amalgamation is expected to be completed within a month.

Central Coast United and the Central Coast Association of NSW will apply for 1981 Phillips League membership.

The proposed home ground is Graham Park, venue of the recent Sydney City v Newcastle KB United PSL match.

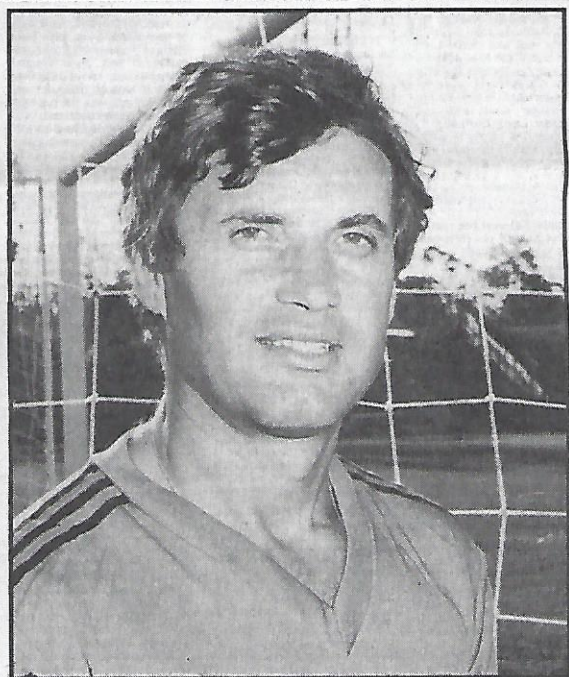
Six major Gosford business houses are reported to be behind the application for PSL membership. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Heidelberg's Ken Taylor cops an arm in the face as he tries to force his way past Marconi full back Peter Brogan.



Combat at close quarters between Marconi's John Russell and Heidelberg's Gary Cole (right). Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



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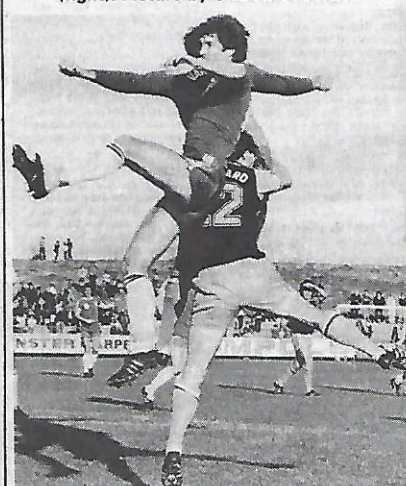
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Arms and legs point in all directions during a mid-air collision between South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter (front), APIA's goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse (rear) and APIA's Ken Reed. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



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**Meno Toutsidis**

**Eddie Katnic**

**Joe Lanzoni**

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## Kosmina in hot water?

**BRISBANE CITY 2  
WEST ADELAIDE 0**

Scorers: Echeverria 55th, Campbell 80th.  
Ground: Perry Park.  
Crowd: 3100.  
Weather: Fine.  
Referee: Tim Davies 10.  
Cautions: nil.

Brisbane City survived a nerve-wrecking final round to beat West Adelaide 2-0 and clinch a place in the top four series, but for a time it seemed the victory over the 1978 champions might not be enough.

City was leading 1-0 and word came through from the south that Adelaide City was leading Brisbane Lions 2-0. Had Adelaide City managed to pick up the bonus point, it would have pushed Brisbane City out on goal difference.

So City managed to hang on to the top four place it has occupied for most of the season.

But it will have to participate in the semi-finals without ace defender George Potter, who has helped to make all the difference to the city backline this season.

Potter was injured in a head clash as he saved an almost certain goal in the 27th minute, and the injury has been diagnosed as a fracture of the frontal sinus.

Despite this apparent crippling setback, city found the resolution necessary by moving midfielder John Coyne back to sweeper alongside David Ratcliffe, where the Australian representative had an outstanding match.

Ironically, the player who was originally left out of the side, Roberto Echeverria, replaced Potter to take Coyne's midfield spot and contributed the all-important first goal.

But the real heroes of the day were powerful centre forward Bobby Campbell, winger Kevin Low and midfielder Larry Gaffney.

City exerted plenty of early pressure and, with Gaffney thrusting forward, managed to win a corner after only a few seconds when Martin Crook deflected a Campbell shot.

Campbell almost ran riot in the first part of the first half and on three occasions almost scored.

It was in the 27th minute that Peter Boyle and Ian McGregor almost broke through and the clash of heads led to Potter's demise. He was off the field for eight minutes before Echeverria came on.

While City only had the 10 men, it almost scored when Low and Perry combined and Kelsa headed a fraction over the bar, with Crook a little off his line.

City gradually got on top and had a couple of gilt edged chances but Barry Kelsa missed the first of many in another match he would well like to forget.

Coyne provided the leadup in the 50th minute, which resulted in Crook dropping a Campbell header but Kelsa poked the chance wide of the post.

Gaffney did well to set up Echeverria, whose great first time shot looked bound for the right hand corner, but Crook pulled off a magnificent diving save.

Finally the breakthrough came in the 55th minute and the goal eventuated from a free kick awarded for a David Jones foul on Campbell.

Gaffney worked the ball on the left and supplied Kelsa, who squared to Echeverria, and this time Crook could not save the more gently placed ground shot which speared through a wall of defenders into the corner.

City continued to bomb more chances, with Kelsa the main culprit, and on one occasion he raced clear from inside his own half and ended by shooting weakly into Crook's arms.

That miss led to a heated exchange between Kelsa and Frank Pimblett, which strangely enough was ended by the intervention of a West Adelaide player.

City made sure of the victory and then had to sweat out the final result from Adelaide when Campbell fittingly scored in the last minute of the game.

Pimblett started the move, Kelsa had a shot charged down but recovered to cross to beyond the far post where Low controlled calmly and slipped his pass to Campbell, who thumped it into the roof of the net.

## Trenter the opportunist

**CANBERRA CITY 1  
SYDNEY CITY 3**

Scorers: Trenter 3 (SC); Moulis (CC).  
Ground: Bruce Stadium.  
Crowd: 1,685.  
Weather: Sunny and windy.  
Referee: Chris Barnbridge 6.  
Cautions: MacLaren, Kawaleva (CC).

A great hat-trick by teenager Mark Trenter destroyed a fighting Canberra City 3-1 at Bruce Stadium.

Such was Trenter's performance in quick-thinking and opportunism that perhaps Sydney City is having second thoughts about exchanging him as part of the deal to acquire the services of Newcastle striker Kenny Boden.

On his form in this game Sydney City's loss is certainly Newcastle's gain.

Canberra, trying new players and a new combination, had nothing to lose. Its early form proved the point. Canberra began magnificently and cut Sydney City's defence to ribbons.

In the early minutes a curling cross from Don MacLaren was well headed by Harry Williams and Sydney City's keeper Todd Clarke did well to save as the ball bounced deceptively before it reached him.

Williams, in fact, had a good game in only his third PSL appearance of the season.

This great start surprised Sydney City and it was unable to lift the game and force Canberra to defend.

It was Canberra's best home performance for many, many weeks.

Deservedly Canberra hit the front in the 26th minute.

Issac Farrell sent over a well-struck corner and Williams outjumped everyone to send it towards the goal. Clarke tried to gather but so did Canberra's Danny Moulis and Ken Kawaleva. The persistence and determination worked. Clarke failed to gather the ball and it ran loose and Moulis — a full back — found the net.

Canberra's fans were jubilant as they watched Sydney City was in third place and needed maximum points to secure a final four berth.

Then the first of Trenter's goals brought everyone down to earth.

Again Canberra's captain John Brown was guilty of slack defence. He should — and could — have headed a high cross away. He chose to let it go believing another defender would clear. But Trenter burst through and scored.

It was the type of goal that so often during the 1979 season has plagued Canberra.

Canberra began well, have the play of the play — even score first, only to have a defence do something stupid and allow the opponents to either level or go in front.

But Canberra had much the better of the first half and didn't deserve to go into the dressing room level at 1-1.

In the opening minutes of the second half Canberra should have hit the front. Don MacLaren missed two chances in the opening five minutes.

A high cross was well placed and Trenter went up with Canberra City defender, won the aerial duel and found the net.

But Canberra showed hearts and sheer guts by fighting back.

And minutes later City deserved an equaliser. Jimmy 'Can't' cross found Moulis' head and the header from Moulis had Todd Clarke well beaten only to rap the crossbar.

Canberra continued to fight but Trenter's third goal in the 77th minute put the issue beyond doubt.

Again it was well taken. A chance was presented and a chance taken.

For Canberra the season is over, for Sydney City their win has assured them of a final four berth.

## Full backs add bite

**HEIDELBERG 3  
MARCONI 2**

Scorers: Russell own goal 4th, Paton 33rd & 56th, (H'berg); Jankovics 5th, Campbell own goal 7th.  
Ground: Olympic Park.  
Crowd: 5630.  
Weather: Windy.  
Referee: Don Campbell (SA) 10.

Cautions: Degney (Mar), Bannan (H'berg).  
Heidelberg coach Manny Poulakakis said before the match that his team would go out and play its own game rather than concentrate on shacking the Marconi stars.

He was true to his word, so much so that the Heidelberg fans must have had their hearts in their throats over the adventurousness of some of the players.

Full backs Jim Tansey and Arthur McMillan attacked with what seemed at first to be a gay abandon. This resulted in a few breakaway attacks by Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne early in the first half.

As the game progressed Tansey and McMillan were as attentive in defence as they were damaging in attack.

It was quite remarkable to see McMillan, caught upfield as he was by Jankovics, storm back in pursuit of Peter Sharne and catch him, after conceding 20 metres!

The drive provided by Tansey and McMillan were major factors in Heidelberg's performance, especially in the first half.

He was marked at first by Ken Lindsay and later by Stuart Selva but he brushed aside both of them.

Marconi marked more tightly than Heidelberg, with Peter Brogan shadowing Branko Buljevic and Paul Degney trying in vain to restrain Gary Cole. It was as if, however, not Marconi, was the top team that had to be countered.

The first half ended in a 2-2 deadlock, and the turning point was the withdrawal of two players who were injured while tackling Cole.

Tony Henderson dropped back to take the place of Prskalo who had not made a single mistake in the first half, and as a result Gary Byrne was left to play virtually a lone hand in midfield against Rooney, Ken Taylor, Jim Campbell and the attacking full backs.

This left the Marconi strikers with a limited source of supply but even so, they should have done a lot better. They demonstrated excellent teamwork that they could drop back, pick up the ball and run menacingly at the Heidelberg defence.

Allan Maher was extremely shaky. The two goals scored by Jamie Paton were both a matter of putting away the loose ball after Maher had failed to hold shots by Jim Tansey and Branko Buljevic.

Sunday's match started sensationally with three goals — two of them own goals — in the first seven minutes.

First John Russell, in trying to clear, turned an angled ground shot from Gary Cole into his own net to put Heidelberg into the lead.

Seconds later, Heidelberg's defence, was caught too far upfield and without depth, allowing Jankovics to race through, take the ball past Bannan and roll it into the empty net.

In the 77th minute Sharne caught the defence by the way Jankovics had a few moments earlier. Sharne ran from the half line and crossed to Jankovics at the other side of the penalty area. Jim Campbell flew at Jankovics' short cross in an attempt to head it into the bar for a corner but it went into the net inside to put Marconi into the lead.

Bannan made a brilliant reflex save to stop a powerful drive by Eddie Krncevic in the 20th minute and then referee Don Campbell overruled Heidelberg's claims for a penalty when Prskalo got in front of Paton in the box, laying himself open to charges of obstruction.

Prskalo then stopped good runs by Tansey and Paton before Maher fumbled a shot by Tansey, allowing Paton to beat John Russell and toe the ball over the line to make it 2-2 at half time.

Rooney started the move that led to the winning goal in the 56th minute. He speared a through ball to Buljevic who ran and shot. Maher failed to hold the ball and Paton was there to tap in from two metres.

Bannan preserved the lead by tapping a good lob by Lindsay over the bar, and ending a 3-2 win for Heidelberg.

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## Shirt up, Dixie out

**ADELAIDE CITY 2  
BRISBANE LIONS 0**

Scorers: — Perin 58th, Nyskohus 57th.  
Cautions: Deans (AC).  
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.  
Crowd: 3,200.  
Referee: Richard Lorenc.  
Weather: Mild.

Adelaide City rounded off the season with a convincing 2-0 win over struggling Brisbane Lions at Olympic Sports Field.

City, apart from a few anxious moments in the first half, were never in danger of defeat and gave another crisp display.

However Rale Basic and his men were a disappointed outfit at the end when it was clear that Sydney City and Brisbane City had grabbed the two vacant spots in the top four.

But City can make up for that when it meets St George in the Philips Cup final on Sunday.

City wasted little time settling down against Brisbane Lions and clearly showed it meant business.

But Lions, emphasising its recent good form, fought tenaciously obviously intent to extend its unbeaten seven match run.



Col Bennett and Jim Hermoniston did an admirable job in Brisbane's defence but unfortunately lacked a quality player in midfield or attack.

Tony Brennan was well below form while Alan Hughes and Barrie Fairbrother showed their value only in patches.

John Perin began City's onslaught in the tenth minute with a cracking shot which flew wide of the far post.

Two minutes later John Nyskohus cracked a 25 metre shot but with little result.

Meanwhile Barrie Fairbrother sent a close range shot well wide in the 34th minute — Brisbane's first major attempt.

Referee Richard Lorenc infuriated the City fans for booking Dixie Deans after he rolled his shirt above his waist in a gesture against the linesman.

Deans was apparently upset over an off-side call from the linesman. He will now miss the Philips Cup final through suspension after accumulating 12 penalty points.

Rasic fumed with anger after Lorenc's curious decision and exchanged a few sharp words with him at half time.

The decision blotted Lorenc's record as he gave an otherwise intelligent display.

City swarmed all over Lions in the second half and could have opened the scoring in the 46th minute but Gary Marochi's point blank shot was blocked.

A minute later Deans headed a powerful shot into the air, confidently clutching the ball.

But City exposed Lownds' ground play in the 56th minute. Perin took a free kick 20 metres out, the ball was blocked but he snapped up the rebound and drove a low shot past Nigel Lownds.

Barely a minute later Agenor Muzic speared a ground pass to the far post where John Nyskohus tapped it in from two metres.

City went looking for a bonus point but failed to add to its score.

Perin fired a pilderiver in the sixty fourth straight onto Lownds chest and Deans fired a shot near the end but Lownds had little trouble controlling it.

## Crucial goal by Katholos

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0  
ST. GEORGE 1**

Scorer: Katholos 75th.  
Ground: Bosley Park.  
Crowd: 2,103.  
Weather: Overcast and windy.  
Referee: Stuart Mellings 7.

Raul Blanco's St George side finally avoided relegation by beating relegation rival Olympic 1-0 in an exciting and bruising match at Bosley Park.

With the result being so crucial to both sides, tempers often flared and at some stages the tackles could only be described as crude, ending in a total of six players collecting yellow cards from Melbourne referee Stuart Mellings.

Running towards the scoreboard end and with a strong wind behind its back, St George dominated the first half.

Roy Cotton had the ball in the Olympic net early on following a brilliant cross from Saints skipper George Harris. Unfortunately for the Saints it was disallowed for pushing.

The Saints' midfield and defence gave Olympic no room at all and it was only the great Olympic defence led by big Ritchie Bell that kept the Saints at bay.

In the 29th minute St George should have scored. Phil O'Connor, who was having trouble with the tenacious Derek Laing, finally broke free. Fenoughty met O'Connor's cross and beat keeper Peter Wilson, only to see sweeper Kenny Wilson clear off the line.

Olympic also had its chances. Both Jamieson and Cross had shots that troubled Fraser. Olympic started to look good and Andy Scott was laying off some neat balls to his oncoming midfield players.

One minute before half time, Olympic again relied on Kenny Wilson to clear off the line, this time from an O'Connor shot.

Olympic, knowing that a draw would suffice, must have really fancied itself to get the desired result, especially with a strong wind favouring them on the second half.

Jamieson had two full blooded drives whistling past the Saints' goal and it looked very much that the Saints were in for a struggle to retain their P.S.L. status.

Blanco, realising he needed more power up front, replaced Cotton with Milosovic and Gavri with Hensman. Playing with four forwards and two midfielders, the Saints played some very constructive soccer.

Attempts in the first half and gradually put pressure on the Olympic back four.

In the 75th minute, St George midfielder John O'Shea took a long throw from the right and after a scramble, Peter Katholos rammed home the goal that gave St George victory.

John O'Shea and O'Connor for the Saints and Jennings and Laing for Olympic all had chances to score, but the scorers remained 1-0.

St George to avoid relegation and unfortunately giving Olympic the humiliating task of re-appearing for a P.S.L. place next year along with South Melbourne.

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## Drinkwater KB's best

**NEWCASTLE KB 3  
FOOTSCRAY JUST 0**

Scorers: Boden 21st, 24th and 39th minutes.  
Crowd: 7422.  
Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.5 points.  
Ground: International Sports Centre.  
Weather: Fine.  
Cautions: 42nd O'Reilly (F) 68th Ristic (F) 83rd Curran (N.U.).

In what was probably his last game for Newcastle KB United in front of the local crowd, Ken Boden gave his many supporters something to remember him by.

Boden scored the completion of his transfer to Sydney City by scoring a fine hat trick against Footscray, all in the first 45 minutes.

Remarkably, all the goals were headed and once again, as has happened so many times this year, a bonus point looked a distinct possibility.

But Footscray came out in the second half a much more determined side and although Newcastle came close to scoring they just failed to clinch the vital goal.

The local team opened brightly but it took 21 minutes before they drew first blood, and it came in an unexpected way when Peter Orlerton, on the edge of his own penalty area, headed a cross back to goalkeeper Steve Potter, but Boden nipped in and headed it into the net.

That unexpected gift spurred Newcastle on and three minutes later they went further ahead.

This time it was a well-controlled move by teenagers McClelland and Trednick, culminating with Trednick sending in a brilliant cross almost from the corner flag. Boden rose majestically above the defence to score a magnificent goal.

Sensing a big win, Newcastle continued to press and once again were rewarded in the 39th minute.

From a free kick taken by Graham Heys on the right Boden once again forced Potter to retrieve the ball from the back of the net with another fine header.

Footscray were quick to react with some fine breaks down the wings and twice appealed for a penalty when Joe Palinkas was brought down in the area but referee Boskovic turned down their request.

The second half opened with Footscray on the attack and a chance fell to Joe Piclaone but his right-footed shot hit the outside of the upright.

That was probably their last chance to score, although they continued to play some good football, but repeatedly spoiled by good moves with selfish shots when other players were better positioned.

Both teams played some good football in the second half with Newcastle desperately wanting the bonus point and Footscray trying to regain some respectability but neither side managed to breach the opposing defence.

Nevertheless it produced a fast and exciting brand of football that kept the 7422 spectators entertained until the final whistle.

The crowd's biggest cheer undoubtedly came with minutes remaining when it was announced that Roy Drinkwater had been voted Newcastle "KB" United Player of the Year for 1978.

Drinkwater, who was the villain during the 1978 season by figuring with Phil Dando in several incidents which resulted in own goals, redeemed himself completely this year with a string of good performances which if they did not make him the classiest centre back in the league, certainly made him the most consistent.

His selection as KB player of the year was thoroughly deserved.

An appeal by South Melbourne players was turned down by Mr. Allen.

## Rampanti a magician

**APIA 2  
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1**

Scorers: Drows 20th, Ristovski 48th, Stone 68th.  
Ground: Wentworth Park.  
Crowd: 850.  
Referee: K. Allen 5.  
Cautions: Allen Evans, Resorio Rampanti, the man who came to Australia with a big reputation came to life in the game against South Melbourne and proved beyond any doubt that he could be a match winner.

It is unfortunate that only a handful of spectators turned up on this blustery day to see what one might describe as, the "hottest" of the season.

Had they turned up in their usual thousands they would have seen a sparkling display from one of Italy's great sons.

Peter Stone, the forgotten man of the Australia's rebuilt national team, found Rampanti an easy target as the Italian roamed about the park. In return Stone was very often the recipient of a well-timed pass from Rampanti.

It was this combination of Rampanti and Stone that made that slender difference in the final score and gave APIA its second win in the last three weeks.

Peter Stone started the move that resulted in the first goal. His pass found Rampanti who ran to the line before being tackled by the area for Drows to slam one into the roof of the net. In fact, the ball hit the crossbar then landed behind the goal line before settling against the inside netting.

A crashing drive by Rampanti in the 29th minute just missed the upright with Boland somewhat stranded. With ten minutes to go at half time, that Rampanti magic was on again. He drew two defenders before eluding Mick Pye then pushing a low cross towards Brian O'Donnell at the near post. O'Donnell failed to control the ball and this slender chance was gone.

South Melbourne, playing against the wind in this half, tried heavily to speed up Ristovski and the tenacity of Evans in their counterattacks but failed to create an opportunity until the 37th minute of the first half.

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# Junior set-up discourages skill

**The recent under 16 national championships set me wondering again about the low standard of skill of our young Australian players.**

On the big pitch at the impressive St George stadium I watched boys giving 100 per cent physical commitment, yet how rare it was to see a moment of sheer skill.

These were the best players in the nation at under 16 age level but almost all of them were devoid of poise and artistry.

Those few who possessed it were seldom able to show it in the soccer "battles" which took place four times a day.

I suppose I should not have been disappointed.

The players are products of our unsatisfactory junior system which rewards the strong and the willing with trophies but gives little to encourage skill.

Australian soccer is more than 100 years old, yet its local players

rarely rise above third or fourth division English standards.

The English Football League is only 80 years old, whereas Sydney's State league club Granville is 100 years old.

There are three main reasons why young Australian players do not develop the skills of the European counterparts.

One is the crazy junior system which pitches them into 11 a-side games on full-sized fields from the age of five.

Another is the lack of good models for youngsters to base their games upon. Few of them go to professional games or see top soccer on television.

I, like most of my era, never received any coaching whatsoever. Yet we were able to develop reasonable skills, in some cases superlative skills, simply by imitating professional stars.

Aussie youngsters seldom see such Soccer stars and never on a regular basis, as they can see tennis stars, or the heroes of cricket, Aussie Rules and Rugby League.



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The alternative for our young players is to receive a thorough grounding in the skills of the game from an extremely competent coach.

This happens too rarely at junior level, where the chase after trophies denudes the players of skill.

The games I saw on the St George stadium were an upgraded version of "kick forward and chase," which the players had been playing most of their young lives.

One Sydney district, Manly, has tried to change this pattern by taking its players under 10 years out of its competition and putting

them into six leagues where there are no minor premiers, so grand final winner and no-one is relegated.

The games are there to be won — children always like to win — but they are also meant to be fun and to develop individual skills.

The games are played on small areas and the goals are also reduced in size.

I congratulate Richard Alagish, director of coaching for the Manly district for getting this scheme going.

On the other hand I do not believe it should be up to each junior district to set its own rules for young players.

It is a job for the Australian Soccer Federation.

Our soccer hierarchy has known for years that our junior system is not developing skilful players.

That being the case it should start to do something about it.

The current activity of the ASF's junior development officer, the recently appointed Brian Emery, is among the elite of our young players, such as those we saw at the national under 16 championships.

The sponsorship money being provided by Coca-Cola, \$1.3 million for junior soccer, is going almost exclusively to help prepare this young elite for our junior World Cup challenges.

Attention must also be directed at the very grass roots of our soccer where the basic skills are developed.

The basic skills of soccer are learned mainly before the age of 16. It is very hard to rectify bad habits learned by youngsters in the receptive years 9-11.

With persuasion or if needed, coercion, it should be possible for the ASF to have a system, similar to that used by Manly for its very young players, adopted by every junior club in every State and district in Australia.

During my years at Sutherland and St George I was involved in the early development of many young players who went on to win national team places with Australia. John Roche, Alan Griffiths, Col Bennett, Steve Perry, Brendan Grosse, John O'Shea, Neville Morgan and Mark Jankovics all have made a big impact on the Australian soccer scene.

Yet all of these players were terribly devoid of skill as young teenagers.

Dedication and determination brought massive improvements, yet how much better could all of them have become if only they had received the correct grounding as boys.

With Australia's soccer future being put at the feet of our locally developed players it is imperative that our junior set-up be recognised.

If not, another 100 years will see us still as far behind the rest of the world as we are now.

It took Holland only 15 years to revolutionise its soccer — why not Australia?

## Russell: unsung hero of Marconi

After a shaky start, Marconi has finished strongly to win the Philips League championship comfortably. It is the first easy title victory since the league started.

Many players have had praise heaped on them during the season but one of them has been overlooked.

John Russell was not in Marconi's early-season plans but he went from strength to strength during the championship and, apart from maestro Ivo Prskalo, he was Marconi's most consistent defender.

Russell, who joined Marconi from APIA, showed all the class and discipline that made him an international player against the Soviet Union early in his career.

Well done, Russell, Prskalo and the rest of the boys. Only Marconi deserved the league title. Congratulations to all.

Since I've been in Adelaide I've had the opportunity to observe Martyn Crook regularly. The performances this goalkeeper puts on for his club are absolutely phenomenal.

What's more, he does it week in, week out.

His one big drawback is that he was not properly coached early in his career and therefore lacks some of the fund-



**RALE RASIC**

amentals. However, his reflexes are amazing, his courage tremendous and since Ron Corry there has not been a goalkeeper with such superb distribution.

The fact that West Adelaide was able to hold Adelaide City scoreless for 80 minutes two weeks ago was a tribute to his ability.

Yet one wonders why such a fantastic player has not managed to show off his great talent for his State side or for the national team. Some of his State games were very bad and he did not live up to Rudolph Gutendorf's expectations in national trials either.

Perhaps the answer is that he should be given more games. Irrespective of the bad ones he has had. With more representative matches behind him, he should become more confident.



John Russell directs his defence.

# Cosmos visit will make legends come to life

I'm certain all soccer fans will be delightfully entertained when the New York Cosmos play in Australia later next month.

I certainly was when I saw them play in New York recently.

The Cosmos have assembled an unprecedented array of big name talent from all continents (Australia excepted). Their visit presents the chance to see such legendary greats as Beckenbauer in action.

The Cosmos will play in Melbourne on October 21, Sydney on October 24 and Newcastle on October 28.

Thanks to almost unlimited financial backing from their owners, Warner Communications, the Cosmos have put together such fine players that they are now one of the most sought-after teams in the world.

To last year's North American Soccer League championship-winning team they have added Dutch World Cup stars Johan Neeskens and Wim Rijsbergen as well as Brazilian ace defender Marinho.

And according to the club's marketing director Dominic Flora, the Cosmos will add another two world superstars shortly.

## WARREN



**Former National Captain Johnny Warren**

For me, the attraction of the Cosmos is that in one team you can see so many world stars and at the one time.

The Cosmos have also adopted the policy of signing only skilled players. This, combined with their appeal to so many nationalities and to the sporting public of Australia, should ensure that their visit attracts huge crowds.

The night I saw them play at their home ground, the Giants Stadium in New Jersey, they hammered San Jose Earthquakes 5-0 with goals from Tuart 3, Davis and Marinho.

Their line up that evening was:

Goalkeeper: Hubert Birkenmeier; recommended to the Cosmos by Beckenbauer, and joined early this year from German Second Division club FC Freiburg.

Defence: Eskandarlin: well known to Australian fans as the Iranian fullback who helped beat Australia in the 1978 World Cup elimination matches. Played for the World Cup All Stars against the Cosmos following last year's World Cup.

Carlos Alberto. World Cup-winning Brazilian captain in 1970. 73 caps for Brazil, played for Santos, Flamengo and Fluminense in Brazil.

Wim Rijsbergen, 30 caps for Holland, signed from French

first Division club, Bastia. Member of the highly successful Dutch team in its 1974 and 1978 World Cup campaigns.

Marinho, member of the 1974 Brazilian World Cup team and the only Brazilian named in the "World Team" of the 1974 series.

Midfield: Johan Neeskens, signed from FC Barcelona on a five-year contract and described by the Cosmos as "the type of player needed to make the Cosmos the finest team in the world within the next five years." 46 caps for Holland.

Franz Beckenbauer: Former captain of West Germany, former European Player of the Year.

Vladislav Bogicevic: Over 500 appearances for Red Star played in 1974 World Cup with Yugoslavia and 47 caps.

Ricky Davis, 20-year-old American-born player rated as the best young talent in the



**Win Rijsbergen**

North American Soccer League.

Forwards: Dennis Tuart, former Manchester City forward with seven caps for England.

Mark Liverie: United States national team player.

Missing from the Cosmos that evening was star forward and leading goal scorer Giorgio Chinaglia who was serving a one-match suspension.

Soccer has broken through as a major sport in North America.

The Cosmos have attracted crowds of 78,000 to their home ground, the Giants Stadium in New Jersey.

The game in North America is discussed everywhere and is given wide coverage on radio, TV and the papers.

Unlike many other sports in North America, soccer boasts the youngest following and the highest average attendance from females.

It has not always been so.

When Warner Communications Inc. acquired the North American Soccer League franchise in New York in 1970 the city had been without a team for two years.

The last NASL team in that city, the Generals, had gone down in a sea of red ink.

The Cosmos were launched in 1971 and although they won the championship in 1972 it wasn't until the signing of Pele in 1975 that the game really took off against such professional opposition as American football, basketball, baseball and ice hockey.

Pele did for soccer what Babe Ruth did for baseball.

He made soccer important not only because he was a superstar, a superb athlete, an extraordinary player, but also because of his enthusiasm, charisma and the instant bond he forged with the kids and their parents.

After Pele came Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, Tuart, Bogicevic, Marinho, Neeskens, Chinaglia and Rijsbergen.

And with them came record crowds — average home attendance of almost 50,000 which is bigger than baseball's



**Dennis Tuart**



**Giorgio Chinaglia**

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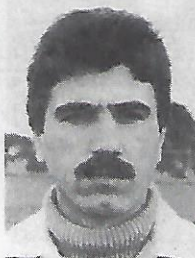


**AR Split, standing from left: F. Rezo (secretary), M. Vlaovic, N. Vulic, Z. Tusek, Z. Holovka, L. Matic, D. Alimic, B. Kuzmar (coach), Frankston: S. Sabljak, I. Turicar, I. Milanovic, F. Franjic, N. Jugovic, I. Cesljar. Missing: F. Baser, M. Jurijevic, M. Vidic.**

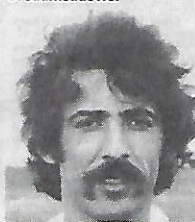
## Promoted three times

**AR Split's record:**  
1977: Runner-Up in Division Four West, finalist Black Douglas Cup.  
1978: Winner of Division Two, finalist Black Douglas Cup.  
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Also, Monash seven-a-side winners of 1978 and 1979 and the Heidelberg seven-a-side tournament, 1979.  
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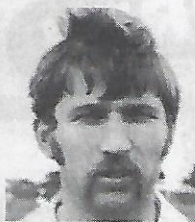
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President.



**BRANKO KUZMAR, 29**  
player-coach.



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**IVICA TURICAR, 29**  
midfielder, former Croatia and Keilor Austria player.



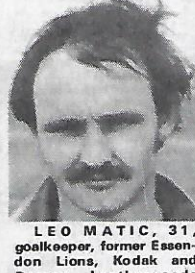
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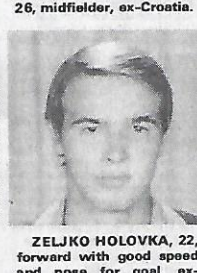
**F. REZO, secretary.**



**IVICA CESLJAR, 33**  
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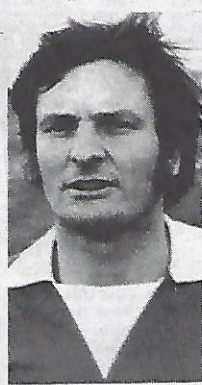
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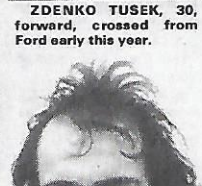
**ZELJKO HOLOVKA, 22**  
forward with good speed and nose for goal, ex-Keilor Austria.

## Presentations

Split Soccer Club will have its presentation night at Fawkner Community Hall, Jukes Rd., off Sydney Rd., Fawkner, on Saturday, October 13.



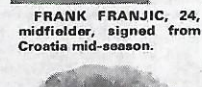
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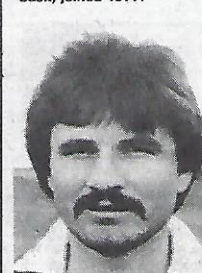
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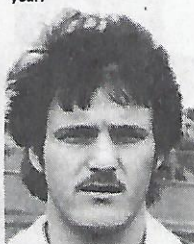
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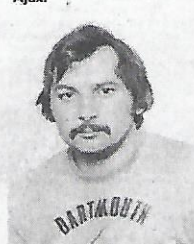
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## Victorian Industrial League

# TARA

**Tarax, the 1978 Black Douglas Cup winner, is stronger than ever following the acquisition of three Victorian representative players this season.**

This makes Tarax red hot favorite to retain the Black Douglas Cup when it meets AR Split in the 1979 final at Middle Park this Sunday.

The three former Footscray JUST stars joined the Tarax ranks to make the club one of the most powerful outfits in the Victorian Industrial League.

New players Dan Zoraja, Danny Lukic and Andy Kazi are now the backbone of the Tarax team.

Zoraja was an ace goalscorer for JUST, scoring 76 goals in the STATE League and winning many honors with the club.

He represented Victoria nine times against such opponents as Hertha 03, the Welsh FA, Dundee, Cruzeiro and Romania 'B'. Zoraja had a splendid career with Footscray JUST, and was one of the club's greatest forwards. Such was his reputation that in 1978, with Footscray struggling and Zoraja retired, the then coach Cedo Ciricovic lamented: "If only Dan Zoraja were a couple of years younger."

Andy Kazi played two seasons in the Philips League before retiring from top grade soccer at the end of last season.

Kazi was a nonspectacular but consistent player with Footscray. He represented Victoria on six occasions.

He played against top overseas teams like Legia Warsaw, Ferencvaros and Bristol Rovers.

Danny Lukic was with Hakoah



**Tarax, standing from right Barry Davis, Dante Moyan Tadic. Front: Ratko Rad Hadziavdic, Miki**

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**Zoraja in action**  
his former club,  
Footscray J.U.S.T.

After his career with Footscray, but was out of soccer for a spell before being released to Tarax. Zoraja made two appearances for Victoria, against the English and South Australia. Zoraja made a big switch when he joined Tarax. Instead of knock goals, he decided it was time to play a few. Zoraja now plays centre half along with Andy Kazi, who is the sweep. Zoraja didn't mind switching to Tarax, "because I get the chance to play a bit of football from there. However, when I see one of our forwards missing easy chances, I

think I would like to go forward for a while and see if I can do any better!"

Zoraja paid a compliment to Kazi.

"Andy is still very fast, and he gives good cover to the rest of the defence," he said. "In fact, I think our defence is probably the strongest area of the team."

With the defence being so strong, the work of the goalkeeper is reduced. However, when called upon, Tarax's goalkeeper Sandor Kazi is reliable in a crisis.

"Sandor has been in top form this season," said Dan, "and he's probably the best goalkeeper in the Industrial League."

Tarax has conceded about 20 goals, but Sandor hasn't had one bad game."

Lukic has slotted into the Tarax midfield, and has done a fine job.

"Danny is still pretty fit, and is the playmaker in the midfield," said Zoraja. "He's also managed to attack from midfield."

Also in the midfield are Mike Kresinger and Dante Moyano. Adamovic, the coach and goalscorer of the team.

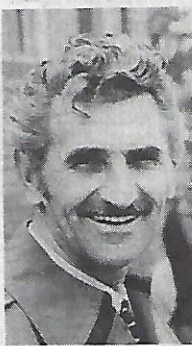
Adamovic recently returned from a trip to Yugoslavia.

Another experienced player is Ibro Hadziabdic, the former Croatia and Keilor Austria player.

AR Split is in the Second Division of the Industrial League, but Zoraja said the Tarax players wouldn't be over-confident.

"We will treat this game like any other, and will not be relaxed," said Dan. "I hope there is a big crowd to see the game."

Tarax would be even stronger had it not been for star full back Bernie Griffiths breaking a leg mid-season. Griffiths, who runs Harry Gregory Photographic Studio in Springvale, took the Tarax pictures on this page.



**STEVE ZAKOMARAK**, Tarax's team manager. He has represented Australia and is a founder member of Footscray JUST. He played with JUST during 1952-62.



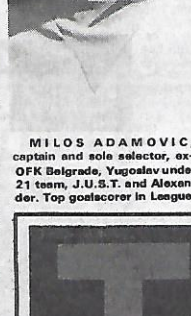
**VELJKO "JOHNNY" TADIC**, Committeeman who has been with Tarax five years.



**DAVID CHANT**, Secretary of Tarax.



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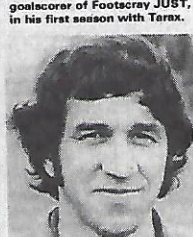
**DAN ZORAJA**, former top goalscorer of Footscray JUST, in his first season with Tarax.



**JOVAN MILINOV** 34, half back, played for Novi Sad in Yugoslavia and for JUST.



**MIKE BICKICKI**, who joined Tarax from JUST Juniors.



**ANDY KAZI**, the long-serving Footscray JUST defender in his first season with Tarax.



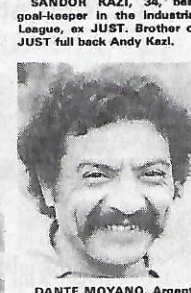
**SANDOR KAZI**, 34, best goal-keeper in the Industrial League, ex JUST. Brother of JUST full back Andy Kazi.



**DRAGAN PANTIC**, 24, midfielder, ex-Belgrade metro league. Joined from McCall.



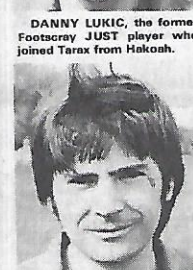
**DANNY LUKIC**, the former Footscray JUST player who joined Tarax from Hakoah.



**DANTE MOYANO**, Argentinian who played in the State League for Melbourne.



**BARRY DAVIS**, 35, centre half, ex-Arsenal juniors. Five seasons with Tarax.



**MIKE KRESINGER**, 23, forward, ex-Yugoslav junior, Ringwood Wilhelmina two years, best player for Tarax in 1977.



**IBRO HADZIABDIC**, 36, played in Yugoslavia for Mladost. Was with Croatia and Keilor-Austria in Victoria. Captain of Tarax.



**MIGUEL PENA**, who joined the club recently from ACI Box Hill. The Chilean represented the Industrial League in 1977 and 1978.



Steve Zakomarak, Dragan Pantic, Miguel Pena, Jim Bickicki, Danny Lukic, Andy Kazi, Johnny Adamovic, David Chant, Mike Kresinger, Ibro Bickicki, Sandor Kazi, Jovan Milinov.

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## COLYER SHOCKS TARAX

There was a surprise four-goal victory for Colyer Watson Rovers over a scoreless Tarax when the two teams met in front of a large crowd.

Tarax attempted to play fancy shots which were foiled by the youthful Rovers.

The first goal came when the ball was passed from player to player until it reached Cane Trajkovski who took a considered goal, placing it squarely into the corner of the net to beat.

Two minutes before the half-time whistle blew, their second goal came from Charlie Covel.

Covell and Trajkovski repeated their performance and demoralized the Tarax team who appeared to give up the fight towards the end.

Ansett sealed their top position on the ladder after beating Pegasus 2-1.

Ansett played against the wind in the first half yet still were leading 2-0 at the break.

Pegasus were on top for most of the second term and had most of the attack, scoring the only goal for the half from a penalty.

The goal of the match was probably from Graeme Haynes who headed the ball into the back of the net from a corner kick.

Philip Morris failed to rise from the bottom of Division 2 after being defeated 12-0 by A.N.Z. Bank.

## FEDERATION CUP

**KEILOR AUSTRIA 5 (Craig 2, Ganglmair, Feretis, Tralic) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1.**

Austria team: Bryden, Althelm, Johnstone, Grbac, Brewerton, Webb, Feretis, Campbell (C. Gerick), Craig, Ganglmair, Schaeffer (Tralic).

Best players: Craig, Feretis, Webb.

Austria should have been credited with six goals, as one was disallowed after having gone through the bottom of the net. Apparently the referee and the linesman were not sure whether or not it was a goal.

It was the second week that Austria had scored five goals. In the first round of the Cup it thrashed First Division champion Western Suburbs 5-0, and must therefore be regarded as favorite to win the Cup.

Austria will have its Oktoberfest Ball at St. Kilda Town Hall on October 12. There will be two continental bands, four-course dinner, floor show and the judging of the Miss Oktoberfest Queen.

**POLONIA - MARIBYRNONG 3 (Sekulski 17th min; Gawlik pen. 63rd; Lalic 89th). MOORABBIN 1 (Bris 88th).**

Maribyrnong: — Dzielakowski, Szveda, J. Dimitriou, J. Pater, Rachwalski, Horfiniak, P. Czaplak (Inj. R. Liplarski 51st min), Gawlik, Sekulski, Esposito (Lalic 7 time), Krynski.

Polonia held a successful presentation night on Saturday and centre back Jan Gawlik is the winner of the best and fairest award.

Last year's winner Peter Czaplak was runner-up and full back Jim Dimitriou won the best clubman award.

Forward Richard Sekulski was top scorer; midfielder Ron Horfiniak the most improved and forward Mike Pichner best first year player.

In the reserves goalkeeper Eddie Sorokowski won the best and fairest award; Ted Liplarski most improved; Steve Morris best clubman; Tony Altieri top scorer and his brother Phil the most courageous Award.

**BOX HILL 1 (Taylor) FOOTSCRAY JUST 0**  
BOX HILL: Morgan — Copland, Brownlie, Leskovec, K. Patterson — G. McLeod, I. McLeod — Taylor, Corke, Valentine, St. Patterson.

Best: I. McLeod, Valentine, Corke, Leskovec.

**The draw for the quarter-finals:**  
Keilor-Austria v Polonia, Box Hill v Doveton, Knox City v Morwell Falcons, Collingwood City v Springvale City.

The games will be played at the ground of the first listed teams on Saturday.

**Cup final at Sunshine**  
Geelong and Nunawading City will clash in the Victorian Provisional League Cup final at Chaplin Reserve, Anderson Road, Sunshine, at 2.45 pm on Saturday.

The provisional League representative team will meet Sunshine City in the curtain-raiser at 1 pm.

Cup semi-final details: Nunawading 2 (Sheba pen. 1st, van de Maat 70th) Moe United 1 (Mason 87th), Geelong 3 (Pageant 15th, Brown 28th, Gray 77th.) University of Melbourne 2 (Cor-sair pen. 43rd, Fridell 53rd).

## FLEMING MEDAL

A dinner to mark the 1979 Bill Fleming Medal for the State League Player of the Year will be held at the Vineyard Restaurant, Acland Street, St. Kilda, next Tuesday night.

The six finalists will be guests of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association whose members vote for the medal winner.

Club officials who want to attend should book with ASPA secretary Steve Kalus (20-7323).

Previous winners of the Medal: 1971: Jim Pyrgolios (5th Melb Hellas); 1972: John Gardiner (George Cross); 1973: Frank Mucic (J.U.S.T.); 1974: Jim Armstrong (5th Melb Hellas); 1975: Billy Vojtek (Juventus); 1976: Jim Tansey (Slavia); 1977: Mick Watkins (Juventus); 1978: Tommy Cumming (Joratic).

## MAKEDONIA 3 JUVENTUS 0

Scorers: McMillan (2) 80th, 88th, Cullen 78th.

Ground: S. T. Connor Reserve  
Crowd: 3000 (double header).

Referee: Dennis Voutasine  
Cautions: Fivelle (M), Sebiddi, Vaughan (J).

**MAKEDONIA:** Kastner 6 — Rainey 7, Higham 7, Flavell 7, Beech 7 — Faulkner 6, Patrovski 5, Leabail 7 — Cullen 5, McMillan 5, Ward 8.

**JUVENTUS:** Raliby 9 — Sabidini 7, Vaughan 5, Della Rocca 7, Tarquinio 8 — Smith 4, Berbia 5, Sabidini injured (Crino 4, 5th minute) — Gillan 5, McGuinness 6, Henry 5.

With Claude Lucchesi suspended, and Bruno Sabidini taken off injured after only five minutes in play, the Juventus midfield was non-existent against Preston Macedonia.

This left Preston with the easy task of slaughtering the lame Juventus outfit, which it did without ever getting into top gear.

George McMillan, Robert Cullen and Gary Ward had a field day as only a few Juventus players went into combat against the 11 Preston troops. Jack Reilly, Fausto Tarquinio, Pat Della Rocca and Serge Sabidini fought against enormous odds.

Otherwise, Juventus was woeful, especially when victory would have earned a place in the State League Cup series. Juve struggled from the outset, and was battered into submission.

However, the brilliant Reilly thwarted all goalkeeping attempts until the 60th minute, which is a feat in itself considering the number of chances Macedonia made.

The Juventus midfield failed miserably to work as a defensive unit, allowing Macedonia to win the ball with ease. Smith, Crino and Berbia failed to mark opposition midfielders running into attacking positions and offered little assistance to the overworked defence.

Coach Tony Boggi switched winger Tony Henry and Crino, but the move brought no improvement.

Henry was snared off the ball up front, which prevented him displaying his considerable ball skills.

This left Bobby McGuinness with

an impossible task to create any openings, and in the end he dropped back to help his ailing defence.

Macedonia's first chance came when a quick free kick to Lube Petrovski enabled him to cross for Eric Lesbire to head towards goal.

Reilly flung himself sideways to push the header around the post for a corner.

Soon after, Cullen bobbed up on the far post, "nut-megged" Reilly with his shot only to see Tarquinio clear target.

Then, after Berbia's crossfield pass was intercepted, Rainey ran 20 metres and fired a shot wide of the target.

Jeff Faulkner later blazed high and wide from a shot, and Ward clipped just wide from a free kick after Peter Vaughan had fouled McMillan.

Juventus went in at half time with the daunting prospect of having to play into the wind in the second half.

The wind saw that Macedonia kept possession for most of the half and created many clear cut chances.

The best chances were:

• Tarquinio heads a McMillan flick-on off the line after a corner kick.

• Ward hits a volley from close range, but Reilly makes a brilliant save.

• Petrovski makes his way into the area, sends Reilly the wrong way, but his shot was headed off the line by Della Rocca.

• L. Lesbire chips towards Cullen, who sells a dummy to allow McMillan to run in and beat Reilly.

• Cullen's shot after a through ball is saved by the diving Reilly.

• Petrovski's shot is deflected and skims the bar with Reilly stranded by the deviation.

• Cullen robs Vaughan, races into the area and fires a hard shot past Reilly from an angle.

• 34: McMillan receives a great pass from Beech, cuts inside and fires a rocket shot past Reilly.

## Juve ball

Juventus' 21st annual ball will be held at the Southern Cross Hotel on Saturday October 13.

Tickets at \$30 a person can be obtained from any member of the committee.

## Cumming, Gardiner inspire Croatia

### CROATIA 3

#### ALTONA 1

Scorers: Croatia — Gilder 6th, Murphy 10th, Paleka 18th Altona — Innes 8th.

Ground: Olympic Park.  
Frankie — Adena, Kokoza, Gardiner, Blavner — Andrews, Murphy, Krnjina (Batnovic) — Cumming, Gilder, Paleka.

**ALTONA CITY:** van der Poel — Lewis, Gramberg (Wat-lers 25th min), Hird — Innes, Whyte, J. Little (Gambini), Train — N. Little, Taylor.

Essendon Croatia became only the third club to retain a State League championship when it defeated Altona City 3-1.

Since the first State League championship was contested in 1958, only Polonia and St. Melbourne Hellas have been able to win the championship in successive years.

Polonia, with Jurecki and Jan-czyk the stars, won the State League in 1960 and '61. South Melbourne, inspired by Mantaraks and Pyrgolios, won one better and lifted the title in 1964, '65 and '66.

Tommy Cumming and John Gardiner will be remembered as the key figures in Croatia's championship successes in 1978 and '79.

These two stars led Croatia to

## RESERVES TOO?

Essendon Croatia will try to win the second leg of its championship double at Olympic Park No. 2 level on Saturday.

Croatia reserves will play Slavia reserves in a league fixture, with Croatia requiring victory to win the State League reserve championship.

At present, Croatia is two points behind Frankston City reserves, but will win the title on goal difference if it can defeat Slavia.

Should the Croatia reserve team do this, it will be a case of history repeating itself. Essendon Croatia won the senior championship on goal difference from Frankston City.

The original Croatia/Slavia reserve game was abandoned after fighting broke out on the field.

The match on Saturday kicks off at 1 pm.

## GEO. CROSS 3 CROYDON 2

Scorers: George Cross — Cowan (2) 10th, 87th, Graham 76th Croydon — McCombe 23rd, Tront pen. 84th.

Ground: Olympic Park.  
George Cross: Matsen — Cusnar, Hooper, Maitland, Barron — Castiello, Graham, Wilson — Morgan (Wille), Cowan, Thom (Parnes half time).

**CROYDON CITY:** Edwards — Spink, McCombe, Pome, Holson — McKinlay, Murphy, Tront — Wylie (House half time), Brogan, Loughnane.

Croydon City's place in the State League Cup was thrown into jeopardy by the 3-2 defeat to George Cross.

The anxious Croydon camp had to wait 14 hours after the defeat last Saturday, and hope Juventus lost or drew with Preston Macedonia. Preston won 3-0, thus helping Croydon "live in the four".

Two goals from Dunstable Town striker Tony Cowan set George Cross on the path to victory. Cowan, who has scored nine goals since

### ALTONA 1

A hectic opening burst won the game for Croatia. After six minutes Cumming went through and passed to Carl Gilder, who shot on the turn past Hans van der Poel.

Altona struck back when Kevin Innes surprised Essendon's goalkeeper Miro Franjic with a 28-metre shot that went in the top corner of the net.

However, the Croatia machine took the setback in its stride and regained the lead when Ken Murphy penetrated the centre of the Altona defence and scored from 16 metres with a well-timed shot.

The championship was brought so much closer when Boris Paleka slotted home a pass from Cumming to make it 3-1 after 18 minutes.

The score remained at half time and in the second 45 minutes, Croatia was in control. However, Altona applied pressure, and the match was very much alive to the end.

Altona had to reshuffle its side when Rob Gramberg suffered a back strain. Harry Hird switched to centre half and George Train moved to full back to allow Walters to play in the midfield.

Best players for Croatia were Cumming, Gardiner, Gilder and Paleka. Altona's best were Hans van der Poel, Peter Lewis, Billy Whyte, Harry Hird and George Walters.



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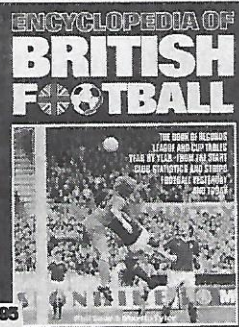
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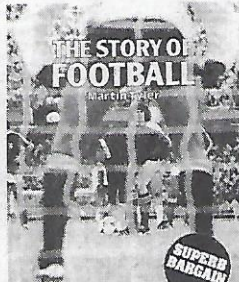
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# Sandringham, Concord are seeded

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The other contestants are Nunawading City (Vic), Gosford Rangers (Newcastle), Oak Flats (Wollongong), Harbord Diggers, Cronulla Seagulls (Sydney), East Gippsland and Mallicoate United.

The Mallicoate team includes Mike Tullawa and Ernest Jones who were in the Fiji national team that beat Australia 1-0 in Fiji in 1977.



Victoria's Chris Tsiras (left) and Danny Boranovic (right) in action against Western Australia during the recent national under 15 titles in Perth. Victoria won 2-0. Picture by Scott Symons, "Sunday Independent."

# A view from the junior ranks WITH LEIF JENSEN

This week I will try to analyse what progress Australia soccer players have made in the past year, if any.

My personal opinion is that our players (junior and senior) still need to improve their skill, enabling them to work in limited space and time, to perform at a faster tempo and with much greater accuracy.

With the game getting faster it is becoming more difficult to make space and there is less time to play the ball.

The timing of a pass, its proper weighting and accurate placing should be instinctive to all players.

The only way to achieve this is by intelligent coaching and constant practice. If this is done, such control and passing skill will be seen as an integral part of our soccer in the future.

It appears to me that neither players nor coaches are spending enough time on this aspect of the game and I feel certain that if we did, we

would significantly raise the level of our performance far above what it is at present.

In the past a young player would give most of his spare time to the game and develop his own natural talent.

However, the indications are that today, surrounded by many other leisure pursuits he is less likely to dedicate himself to practice, unless there is some special encouragement, such as selective training and coaching.

If we could only understand this and act accordingly, I feel

that this type of coaching would have an immense effect on the future standards of our game at senior level.

Both players and coaches should try a little harder to improve skills. It can only be for the good of the game.

So let's not just think or talk about it, LET US DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

My summary of the past year regarding our soccer players would therefore read:

Some improvement but still a long way to go. However if we all pull together we surely will get there.

# Hat-trick heroes

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3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.

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This week's hat-trick heroes: 1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more): FRANK VITITITTI, 9 (Dingli); MARK MANAKIS, 9 (Dingli); RICHARD TAYLOR, 12 (Cranbourne); PAUL NIEU-

WENHUSEN, 12 (CHRIS SOMOS, 12 (Ferntree Gully); MARK WOOLLS, 12 (NEIL WALLACE, 12 (Moorooburn); NICK ANASTASOVSKI, 14 (Altona); STEVE PAPADOPOULOS, 15 (goals); GRAHAM MCMILLAN, 13 (Polonia, SA) MARK HOWELLS, 11 (Nunawading); ANDREW SAMPSON, 12 (Box Hill); JAMIE FERNANDEZ, 13 (four goals (Keilor Australia); ANTHONY ROGERS, 10 (five goals); JASON SYMONDS, 13 (four goals); MARTIN PRINCE, 13 (five goals (Hastings); ANTHONY AVALLO, 12 (Glenmore); ALLISTAIR DUNKINSON, 11 (Knox City); JODY BAILEY, 12 (Petrobe); ATTILA HARANGOZO, 12 (Northmead); JAMES CAMP, 14 (five goals (Croydon); MARK GRIFITHS, 9 (Mornington); VIKI ANDERSON, 14 (four goals (Moorooburn); SCOTT TAYLOR, 14 (Baxter); ROSS BURRAGE, 13 (Kororo Rivers); SIMON KERR, 12 (Bridgman); ROBERT RAMTONIS, 9 (Andres MAZZAGATTI, 9 (six goals); CON FORD, 12 (Jandale); MICK STEVENS (Tatun);

# MONEY MAGIC with Michael Morley

Will Manchester United become the new champion of 1979/80? Will Liverpool prove once more that it is the best team on the English soccer scene? Will Notts Forest rise to the occasion and beat the pair of them?

It's quite possible that I haven't named the champion for this season. Perhaps there is a dark horse in the field. Manchester United, Liverpool and Notts Forest are all going great guns at the moment and this season's race to the championship could be one of the most exciting of all time.

This week we see a clash between Notts Forest and Liverpool and for my money it's one of the best looking score draws on the coupon. The current form indicates it'll be a close game and it's interesting to note that on the past two occasions when Notts Forest entertained Liverpool the results were 0-0 and 1-1.

In the same division, Manchester United looks like strengthening its position in the ladder at the expense of Stoke City. Other teams in the division that appear to have fairly comfortable games are Leeds, Middleborough and Southampton. Arsenal v Wolves and Coventry v Tottenham could be worth supporting as score draws.

With score draws in mind the Second Division of the English league looks promising. In particular, I think the games will go very close at Birmingham, Bristol Rd., Fulham, Oldham, Swansea and Wrexham.

In Division Three the games at Carlisle and Chesterfield could be worth following. Chester makes the visit to Carlisle and strictly speaking it looks far better on form but I'm not ignoring the fact that Chester's past two trips to this ground ended in 1-1 and 0-0.

Chesterfield against Sheffield Wednesday looks a close contest on current form and the Sheffield club's previous two games at this ground resulted in 3-3 and 2-2.

One of the closest looking games in

Division Four is the match at Crewe. The home team entertains Northampton. If you look at the ladder you will note that both clubs are struggling and it's quite common for these type of games to end all-square.

I haven't included any Scottish games in my selections although I think the games will go close at Kilmarnock and Stirling Albion. Many of this week's Scottish games look one-sided — particularly the matches at Celtic, Partick, Airdrie, Hearts, Motherwell and Raith.

My planned entry for this week covers 15 matches. If you would like to try this bet I have left a blank line in the diagram for your selections. It will involve five entries of system 12 and at \$1.50 each the investment is \$7.50.

Choose your 15 matches and then enter your match numbers in the spaces in the diagram. When you have marked all your selections on the blank line use the corresponding X's as set out in the diagram as you transfer your numbers on to the entry forms.

• With eight score draws in any one of the five system entries a first dividend would be assured.

• With nine score draws falling anywhere among your 15 selections at least one first dividend would be guaranteed.

• Should you have eight score draws falling anywhere among your 15 selections you would still be certain of having at least 10 lines containing seven score draws.

Until next week, good luck and good punting.

— MICHAEL MORLEY

## SOCCER POOLS — RESULTS

There were 9 score and 8 scoreless draws on Saturday.

The score draws (3 points each): 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 16, 20, 39, 45.

The scoreless draws (2 points each): 1, 3, 7, 13, 17, 28, 33.

## 15 MATCH PLAN

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## SELECTIONS

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SUNDERLAND	PRESTON	18
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WATFORD	CHARLTON	20
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# ZIKA NIKOLIC



## SNAGATORSKI FUDBAL POBEDIJE

Iako je JUST izgubio sa velikim rezultatom u Newcastleu, pobeda nad APIA/Leichardom je vredila kao prva nagrada na lutriji. "PLAVI" su završili prvenstvo na desetim mestima na terenu, ali je imao veliki nesreću da se sudija Tony Boskovic prvi put opredelio za snagatorski fudbal. Iako nista nije pomogao desetak ugled, koji je po svaku cenu hteo da završi među prva četiri. Pod normalnim okolnostima JUST nikad ne bi izgubio sa sličnim rezultatom u Newcastleu. Svaka cast Ken Bodenu, jer je odigrao utakmicu života. Dao je prvi oportunistička gola, koja bi rekao koji igra postigao. Prvu sansu mu je servirao na tanjiru Ollerton, a ostale dve je stvorio junackim srcem. Za mene je toga dana ipak Josip Plicione bio najbolji igrač na terenu, ali je imao veliki nesreću da se sudija Tony Boskovic prvi put opredelio za snagatorski fudbal. Otkako majstoriji, kakve je izveo Plicione, zadivili bi Pelea. Medjutim, svaki put je završio prepljen za zemlju kao sudac u Boskovici. Kada je jednom prilikom pokosen na ivici kaznenog prostora, iz lezeceg stava je protestovao protivu nepravde. Umalo sto nije dobio tui karton.

Deset puta najmanje je imao dvojboj sa Bodenom. Uvek ga je majstorini izradio, ali je Bodan na kraju svakog dvojboja zadržao tloj vestom upotrebom laktova. Na kraju, Bodan je kaznjavao. Na svetskom prvenstvu u Zapadnoj Nemackoj svirao je penale za najmanji prekras nad Krojtom. Ovog puta je upotrebio drugo merilo. Bodan je udario golmana Potera nogom u stomak, kada je ovaj vec uhvatio loptu, a zadica Boskovic je trazio da se nastavi igra. Kasnije je ipak morao da je zaustavi da bi Potter dobio medicinski pomoc, ali nikog nije kaznio. Nije kaznio ni dva dvojboja, faula nad Palinikama u kaznenom prostoru domacina. Eto zbog cega je JUST izgubio sa 3:0, jer je toga dana trjumljovao snagatorski fudbal. Za mene je toga dana ipak Josip Plicione bio najbolji igrač. Nadmudrio je desetak igrača, pripremio pet-sast sansi, pogodio stativu, nikog nije kaznio, iako je pet puta pokosen iz lakta. Bodan je postigao het-trik, ali je pre toga i posle toga napravio desetak faulova, od kojih su dva mogla biti sa tezim posledicama. Na kraju, Bodan je bio heroj ove utakmice. Umesto 20.000 dolara, njegov transfer ce kostati duplo, ali je JUST-a je ovo najbolja skola za iducu sezonu, ako je zivi i zdrav dečak. Mora da nabavi jednog

navalnog dzelata, koji moze glavom da probije beton.

Jest Amol Kupa, koji pocinje sredinom januara, JUST moze da se odmaru i priprema za buducnost, koja nije ni malo ruzicasta. Nogomet u Australiji mnogo zahteva, ali malo pruza. Treba vezati kraj sa krajem, ali kako? Posto je prestala luda trka za bodove, moćno hvaljenje da razmisliju u vred. Uvidice da su sreske bile obostane. Sedam do osam novih igrača, makar bili najveće zvezde, bile ovih igrača u vreci. Vremenom se stvara veliki tim, a ne preko noci.

## CROATIA PRVA — MAKEDONIJA TRECA

U poslednjem kolu nogometnog prvenstva treca tri vodaca tima su igrali kao samponi. To je prvi put, od kako je nastala luda trka za prvo mesto, da su jedinstveno Croatia, Frankston i Makedonija uverljivo i zasluženno savladali svoje protivnike. Zbog toga je polozaj na vrhu tabele ostao neizmenjen. CROATIA je sa boljom gol-razlikom zauzela prvo mesto ispred Frankstona, dok je Makedonija treca. Croatia je veteran osvajanju naslova prvaka, a Makedonija tu pocast jos nije dozevila, ali ima idealnu sansu za rehabilitaciju. Ove srede igra protiv Croatije u polufinalu Dockerty Kupa, najstarijeg i najpopularnijeg trofeja u Australiji. Ovaj susret odigravaju pobednici ovog kupa, iako se finalna utakmica igra u nedelju 30. septembra. Pored sansa u Dockerty Kupa, Makedonija moze da dokaze svoju pravu vrednost na turniru prva cetiri kluba, koji pocinje 7. oktobra.

## FEDERATION KUP

BOX HILL — J.U.S.T. (drugi tim) 1:0 (0:0). Ravnopravna igra, ali je JUST imao zrelise sansa, koje su ostale neiskoriscene zbog jolovih pucaca. Bez vecine protivimaca JUST je igrao mnogo bolje nego sto se očekivalo. Box Hill je iskoristio nesporazum odbrane, ustvari neodustvask Vaska Stojcevska, da postigne lejt goal u 78. minutu, koji ga je odveo u drugo kolo, a eliminisao JUST-a. Najbolji JUST-ov igrač je bio ivica Karic. Pored njega treba pomenuti Sulejmana Curuvica, Pavla Simica i denekle Viatka Belica, koji se probudio tek u drugom poluvremenu. Sastav JUST-a: Alex Vidacic, Vasko Stojcevic, Ivica Karic, John Tilovski, Ljube Talevski, Dany Acecki, Slobodan Stojcevic, Sulejman Curovic, Pavle Simic, Vlatko Boza, Irena Ristic, Rezerve: Branko Mitrovic, Zeljko Mugosa i Mick Gajic.

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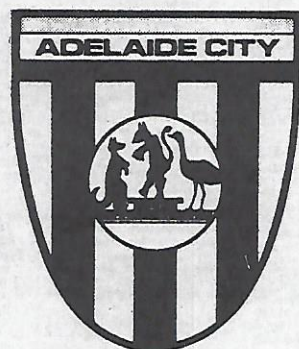
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